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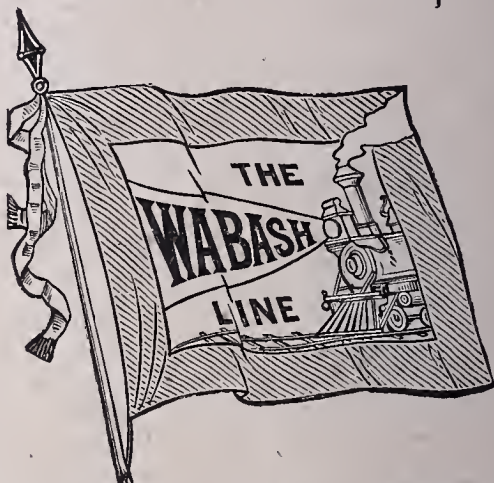
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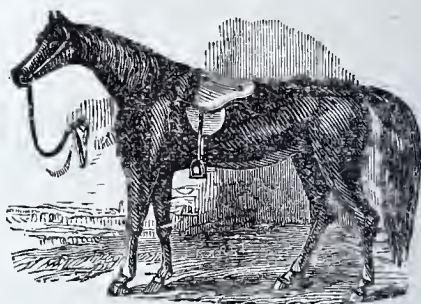
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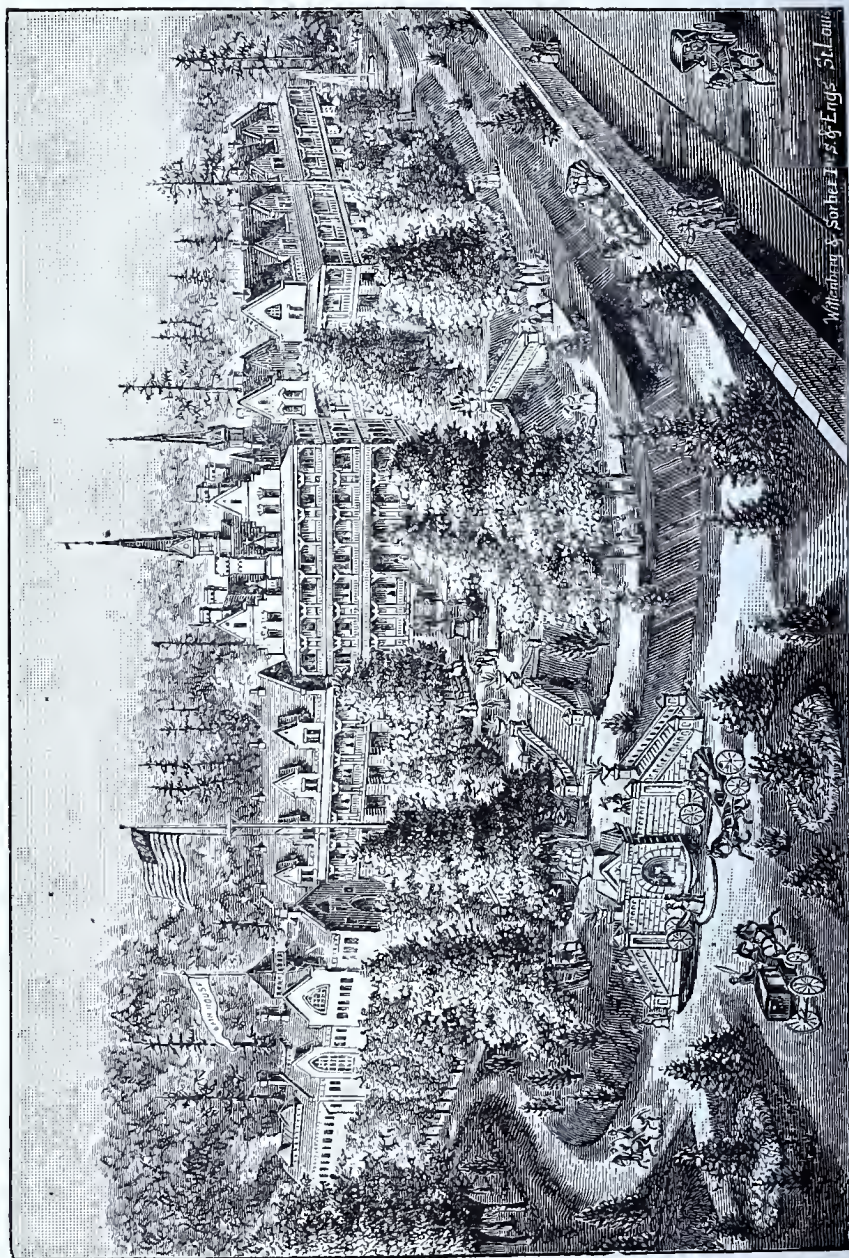
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## EARLY HISTORY.

President Thomas Jefferson, very soon after the conclusion of the treaty with France, which included the "Louisiana Purchase," sent an expedition to these Hot Springs. The party was under the charge of Dunbar and Hunter. The former was familiar with the country and Indians who inhabited it, and the latter was an eminent chemist. An account of their explorations, also those of Lewis and Clark, were published in a small volume, by Wm. Fisher, in 1813.

After an uneventful voyage up the Ouachita river, they landed at the mouth of Hot Springs creek; thence they made an overland journey of six miles to this place. This was in the year 1804. On their arrival they found evidences of former occupation by white men, in the shape of an open log cabin and several rough board houses. These they repaired and made comfortable for the use of their party while they were engaged in the examination of the springs and the surrounding country. These houses had been built by visitors to the springs several years previous, and occasionally occupied by hunters and trappers, but there was no one living in the valley at the time of the arrival of the first government exploring party sent to the Hot Springs of Arkansas.

After making analyses of the hot water from several different springs, testing their temperature and roughly estimating the volume of hot water flowing from the various springs, they made an examination of the adjacent country.

They found our since famous Ouachita and Arkansas stone, and pronounced the latter equal to the Turkish oil stone. Their report also treats upon the numerous trees and variety of foliage found upon the Hot Springs mountain, and other interesting discoveries in this



immediate vicinity. (A more full account we published in the *Hot Springs Illustrated Journal*, No. 4, now to be found in second bound numbers of said *Journal*.)

In 1807-8 Emanuel Preudeeme spent part of two years at these springs and occupied the cabin found here by Dunbar and Hunter. He claimed it as his own, and until recently it was thought that he had built it with his own hands in 1807. We have personally met with a nephew and grand-son of Preudeeme who said he was a well-to-do planter in Louisiana, and that he made frequent visits to Hot Springs and was cured of rheumatism by bathing in the pools of hot water at this place.

In 1808 John Perciful and Isaac Cates first visited the valley of Hot Springs. They were heartily welcomed by Preudeeme, and with a Frenchman's liberality he gave to Perciful, who had concluded to remain here, all the improvements there were here at that time; bade him farewell, and returned to his plantation in Louisiana.

Isaac Cates did not remain long, and for many years John Perciful claimed all this valuable property, and was considered by visitors the sole owner of the Hot Springs. His name has since figured in all the State and United States Courts whenever the title to the Hot Springs property was in litigation, up to the final decision by the Supreme Court in 1877.

In the year 1810, John Perciful cleared a small tract of land on the Ouachita river, seven miles from Hot Springs. He raised the first crop of corn ever grown in the country. The only implement he used in its cultivation was a wooden hoe. A few visitors came to the springs in the years 1810 and 1811. They built cabins to live in, and when they were ready to leave gave them to Perciful, who spent much of his time at the springs supplying the visitors with game and provisions. In the summer of 1812 quite a number of people came here to keep out of the army and escape the troubles of the war of that year. Among the members of one of the families who came here at this time was a young lady who afterwards became the wife of John Perciful. Visitors came every spring and summer, but the winters would find the valley uninhabited.

In 1814, there were between twenty and thirty cabins in the valley, and visitors from that time for many years had only to repair them to make a home for themselves while they remained here.



In 1828 there were but six or eight of these cabins remaining, the others having been burned or otherwise destroyed. Those that were left standing were out of order, some without floors, and none of them in a condition to be occupied without first being repaired. There were no settlers living here in the spring of 1828, when Ludovicus Belding and his family moved into the valley. Mr. Belding soon changed the appearance of things generally; he repaired the old cabins, built new ones, opened a small store and kept a good house of entertainment.

Perciful and his family spent much of their time every summer at the springs, keeping boarders and selling provisions—his farm, on the banks of the Ouachita River, furnishing all the corn and bacon used here for several years. Mr. Belding moved to what is known as the Gaines farm in 1830, and his heirs based their right to pre-empt the 160 acres of land upon which are all the hot springs on account of their living here and cultivating a garden in 1828 and 1829.

In 1832 Congress made a reservation of four sections of land, the springs being in about the centre, which has ever since been known as the Hot Springs Reservation. From 1830 to 1840 the annual increase in the number of visitors was very large. In 1835 came John C. Hale, whose after life was closely identified with the history of Hot Springs and the title to the land upon which they are situated, a right to which he claimed through the purchase of the Perciful preëmption right from the widow and son of John Perciful, who had died in the spring of that year.

H. M. Rector, who was Governor of Arkansas at the opening of the Civil War, settled at Hot Springs in 1843, and claimed the Hot Springs property. His claim was considered by the best lawyers as equitable and just, being what was known as a New Madrid claim, and which he derived from his father, Elias Rector, of St. Louis, who had, as early as 1820, surveyed and located on the Hot Springs what was known among Western land titles as a New Madrid warrant, which was issued to parties whose lands were injured at New Madrid, Mo., by earthquakes in 1811. The right to issue such warrants was granted by act of Congress passed February 17. 1815

In 1851, Major W. H. Gaines, who had been one of the largest planters on the Mississippi River at "Gaines' Landing," Ark., moved

to Hot Springs. He married Miss Maria Belding, one of the Belding heirs (an estimable lady, recently deceased), and soon after, all the rights to the Hot Springs claimed by these heirs were assigned to him. From this time he was one of the important claimants to this property, and litigation between the three claimants was the order of the day. There were some compromises made in the State courts by which Gaines was to hold possession of the lower part of the valley, Hale the center, and Rector the upper portion, until the higher courts could adjudicate the titles. Then each commenced improvements and leased ground at \$10 to \$15 per front foot to others to build upon.

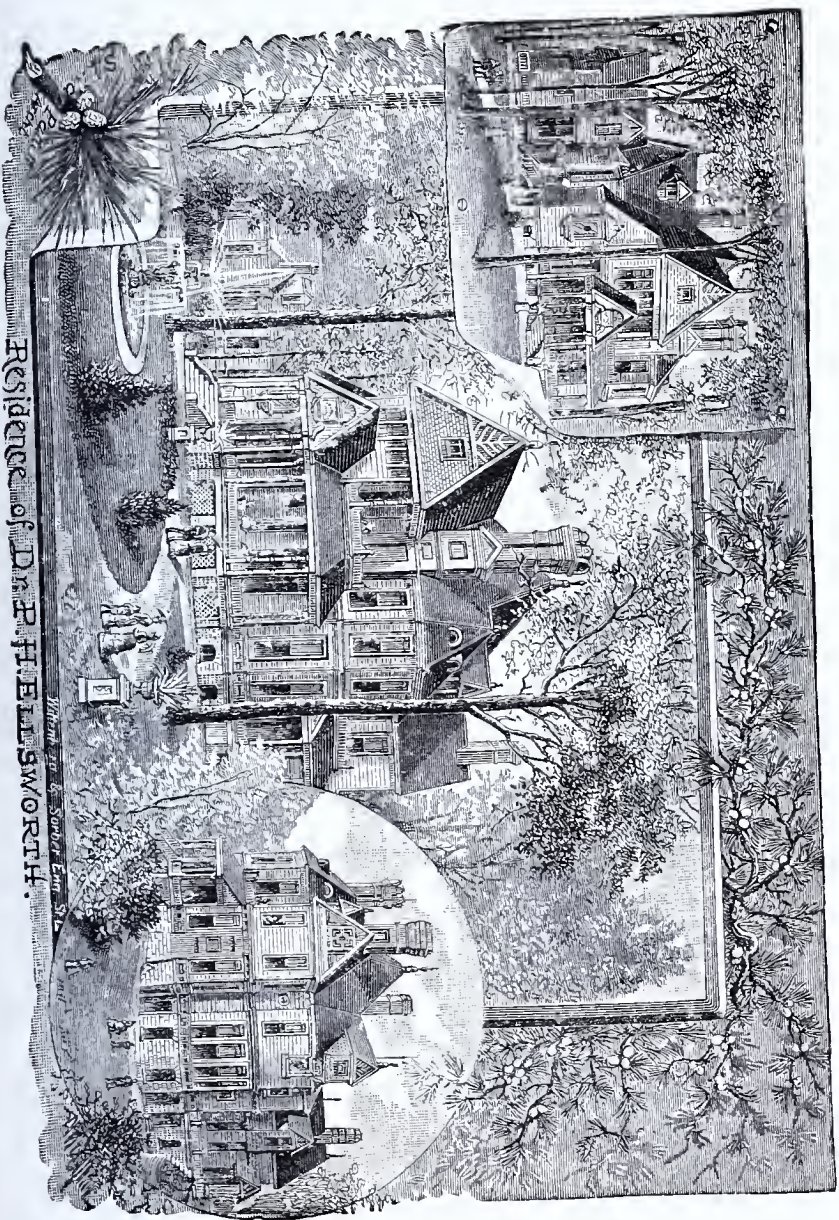
In the Court of Claims and afterwards in the United States Supreme Court, the question of title to this valuable property was decided against the three claimants. All of these parties had spent large fortunes and the best years of their lives in fighting each other in the State courts, and all combined against the Government in the highest courts, and in this decision met the saddest disappointment of their eventful lives.

Congress soon after appointed commissioners to settle the right of possession and purchase between the different individual citizens who had settled upon the Hot Springs reservation, which at that time (1877) numbered about four thousand. It was nearly three years before their work was completed and the settler knew who was awarded the right to buy his own home, and how much he would be obliged to pay the Government in order to secure a title to the land; but it has all been settled, and the lots paid for by the parties whose claims were allowed. The commissioners laid out a large and what is fast becoming a very beautiful city, one-third of which the Government still owns. The Hot Springs Mountain, on which are all the hot springs, was made a permanent reservation.

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## THE HOT SPRINGS.

The Hot Springs of Arkansas have the merited reputation of being one of the *Wonders of the World*, and *seekers of pleasure and lovers of sight-seeing*, as well as those in *search of health* will be well paid by visiting them. They are situated on the mountain, the creek and



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in the valley of the same name, 55 miles southwest from Little Rock, the capital of the State, and 22 miles from Malvern the junction of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, and Hot Springs Railroads, and are connected by rail with all points in the United States and Canada.

From every State and Territory in the United States; from Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Russia and Russian Siberia; Mexico, and the South American States, and even from the far-off islands of the sea, the afflicted ones come to these healing waters for treatment. There are hundreds of medicinal springs in the world, but emphatically, and without disparagement to any of them, there is none other place where such remarkable curative agencies are found as at the Hot Springs of Arkansas.

Throughout the country there are hundreds of thousands of afflicted human beings whose diseases have baffled the most skillful physicians, who can, with the intelligent use of these medicinal waters, be cured and returned a blessing to their homes and families. It is conceded that the efficacy of the waters of these Springs for many diseases far excels Baden-Baden and all the celebrated springs of the new and old world. They issue forth from the western slope of the Hot Springs Mountain (a spur of the Ozark Mountains), at an elevation of 700 to 800 feet above the level of the sea; the most of them from 30 to 75 feet above the level of the valley and a few near the margin of the creek.

In 1830, Prof. D. D. Owen in his report only gives forty-two as the whole number of springs; the number has increased one or two annually for several years and now they number seventy-one. They have a temperature ranging respectively from 93° to 157° Fahrenheit, and make a natural discharge of three hundred and thirty-five gallons every minute, or 482,400 gallons every day.

These waters are now nearly all concentrated in large air-tight tanks built by the United States Government, and will bathe 19,296 persons daily, allowing twenty-five gallons for each bath.

Strangers on visiting the hot springs on the mountain-side, and examining the water, form an idea that the hot and cold springs exist within a few feet of each other, but this is not the case; all these springs are hot, with one exception, and that is under the Rammelsburg Bath-house.

In the hottest springs an egg can be cooked in fifteen minutes.



All the springs on the east side of the creek, flowing from the Hot Springs Mountain, excepting the one cold spring mentioned, are hot: and all on the west side (excepting the alum spring) are cold.

From the U. S. Engineer's report to the Hot Springs Commissioners we give the following

TABLE OF SPRINGS SHOWING THE TEMPERATURE OF EACH.

No.	Temp. Fahr.	No.	Temp. Fahr.	No.	Temp. Fahr.	No.	Temp. Fahr.	No.	Temp. Fahr.
1	77	16	131	31	147	46	*Sipage	61	135
2	76	17	*Sipage	32	124	47	144.5	62	109
3	124	18	93	33	140	48	91	63	83
4	124	19	84	34	120	49	131	64	135
5	80	20	83	35	135	50	145	65	141
6	103	21	106	36	110	51	144	66	87
7	115	22	122	37	120	52	143	67	*Sipage
8	121.5	23	125	38	128	53	144.5	68	131
9	122	24	113	39	125.5	54	146	69	83
10	121.5	25	111	40	112	55	122	70	89
11	105	26	106	41	157	56	133	71	94
12	111	27	127.5	42	*Sipage	57	128		
13	135.5	28	145	43	144	58	*Sipage		
14	137	29	80	44	*Sipage	59	133		
15	134	30	134.5	45	111	60	134.5		

\*Those marked "Sipage" are INTERMITTENT; all others CONSTANT and UNVARYING in HEAT and QUANTITY.

It has been estimated by scientists, from the physical evidence everywhere to be seen in the vicinity of the springs, that they have been flowing for over twenty-three hundred years.

Most of the springs are covered with stone and cemented, and the water conveyed from them through iron pipes to the Government tanks and bathing houses in the valley below.

A quantitative analysis made by Prof. E. H. Larkin, of St. Louis, in 1856, gives  $8\frac{1}{2}$  grains of mineral constituents to the gallon. The temperature of the water analyzed was 145 degrees. The following is the analysis made:

	Grains.
Silicic acid, . . . . .	24.74
Sesqui oxide of iron, . . . . .	1.12
Alumina, . . . . .	5.15
Lime, . . . . .	28.93
Magnesia, . . . . .	.73
Chlorine, . . . . .	.07
Carbonic acid, . . . . .	21.36
Organic matter, . . . . .	8.31
Water, . . . . .	1.72
Sulphuric acid, . . . . .	4.40
Potash, . . . . .	1.46
Soda, . . . . .	2.01
Iodide and bromide, a trace, . . . . .	.....
Total, . . . . .	100.00

The following is from the highly esteemed report of Prof. David D. Owen, when he was State Geologist :

“ The following is an analysis more recently made :

Silicate with base,	Bicarbonate of lime,
Bicarbonate of magnesia,	Alumina with oxide of iron,
Carbonate of soda,	Carbonate of potash,
Sulphate magnesia,	Chlor. of magnesia,
Oxide of magnesia,	Sulphate of lime,
Bromide, a trace,	Organic matter, a trace.

“ The waters are thoroughly impregnated with free carbonic acid.

“ In June, 1858, I made a partial examination of the waters of the Hot Springs by boiling down one and a half gallons of the water, and found the contents approximately reduced to one gallon, as follows :

	Grammes.
Organic matter, combined with some moisture, . . . . .	1.16
Silica, with some sulphate of lime and dissolved by water, . . . . .	1.40
Bicarbonate of lime, . . . . .	2.40
Bicarbonate of magnesia, . . . . .	0.50
Chloride of potassium, . . . . .	0.04
Chloride of sodium, . . . . .	0.218
Oxide of iron and a little alumina, . . . . .	0.133
Sulphate of lime dissolved by water, . . . . .	0.350
Loss, iodine (?) bromine (?), . . . . .	0.053

“ In the winter of the same year Dr. Elderhorst, then Chemical Assistant to the Survey, was instructed to collect a sufficient number

of gallons of the water to make an accurate quantitative analysis in my laboratory.

“Dr. William Elderhorst’s analysis of 100 grammes of the so-called ‘Arsenic Spring’ is here inserted :

	Grammes.
Lime, . . . . .	0.059024
Silicates, - - - - -	0.045600
Sulphuric acid, - - - - -	0.019400
Magnesia, . . . . .	0.007629
Chlorine, . . . . .	0.002275
Sapo, - - - - -	0.004650
Potash, - . . . .	0.001560

Prof. Owen, after quoting from Dr. William Elderhorst’s analysis of the waters, proceeds to give his ideas of their medicinal effects, and the causes that have operated to impart to them such extraordinary heat :

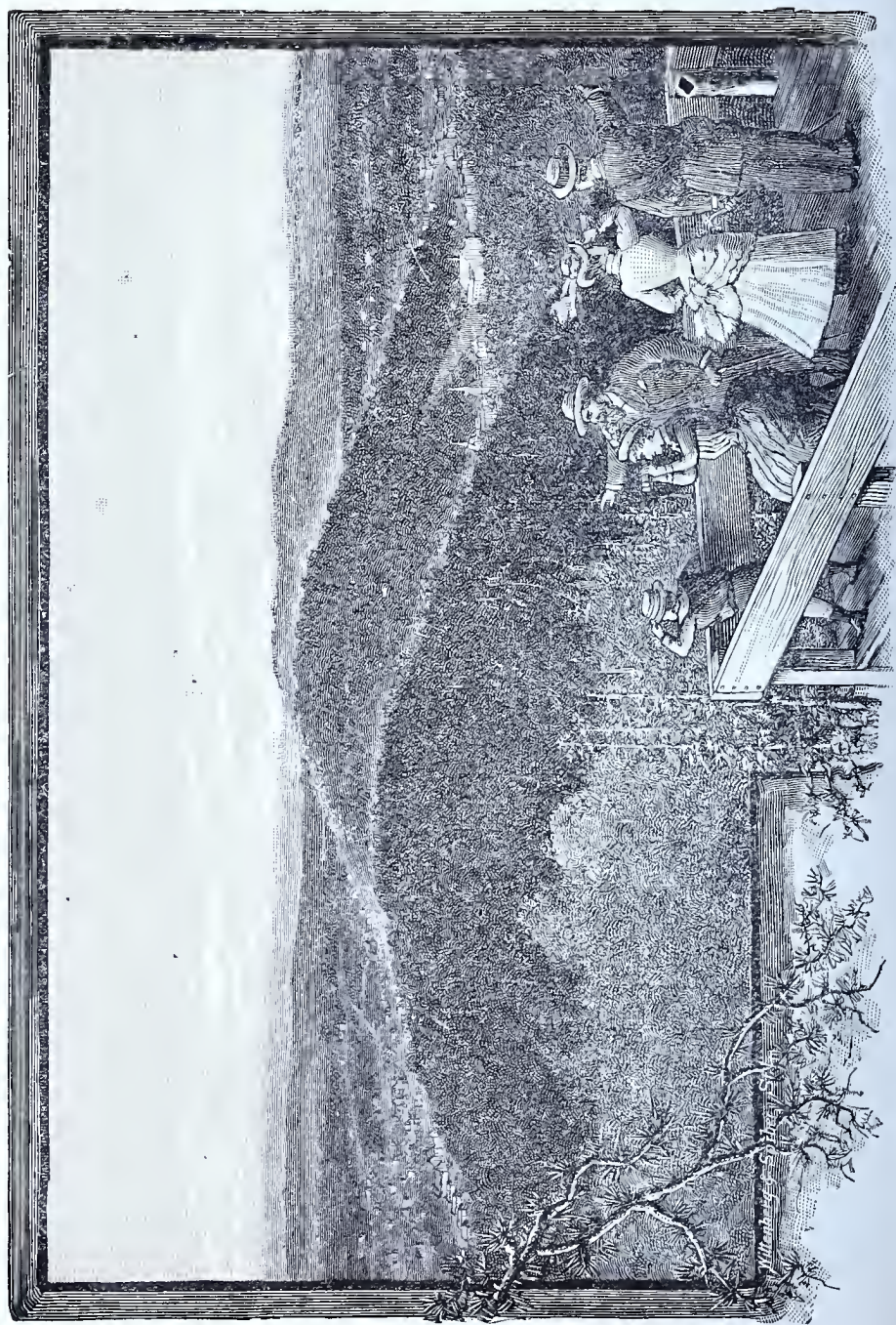
“In many forms of chronic diseases especially, its effects are truly astonishing. The copious diaphoresis which the hot bath establishes opens in itself a main channel for the expulsion of principles injurious to health, made manifest by its peculiar odor. A similar effect in a diminished degree is effected by drinking the hot water—a common, indeed almost universal practice among invalids at the Hot Springs.

“The impression produced by the hot douche, as above described, is indeed powerful, arousing into action sluggish and torpid secretions; the languid circulation is thus purified of morbid matters, and thereby renewed vigor and healthful action are given both to the absorbents, lymphatics, and to the excretory apparatus—a combined effect which no medicine is capable of accomplishing.

“The large quantity of free carbonic acid which the water contains and which rises in volumes through the water at the fountain of many of the springs, has undoubtedly an exhilarating effect on the system, and it is no doubt from the water of the Hot Springs coming to the surface charged with this gas that invalids are enabled to drink it freely at a temperature at which ordinary tepid water, from which all the gas has been expelled by ebullition, would act as an emetic.

“The small quantities of chlorides and sulphates of magnesia may have a slight medicinal effect, but there are no more of these salts present than are to be found in many springs and well waters employed for domestic purposes.





HOT SPRINGS AND SURROUNDINGS — LOOKING WEST



“Various have been the speculations with regard to the cause of the high temperature of these waters, and my opinion has been repeatedly asked on this subject.

“I cannot, for several reasons, subscribe to the views advanced by some that the elevation of temperature is caused by the water coming in contact with caustic lime in the interior of the earth. Lime has so great an affinity for carbonic acid that it cannot remain for any great time in an uncombined caustic condition, and therefore is seldom found in that state either on the surface or in the bowels of the earth. And if it did it would long since have been reduced to the state of hydrate, if not to the state of carbonate, by constant contact with the copious flow of water charged with carbonic acid, when it would no longer give off heat by the chemical action produced during its combination with water.

“Much less can I give assent to the extraordinary idea that the high temperature of these waters is due to latent heat given off from the water in the act of depositing the tufa that now coats the hillsides from which the springs issue, and which was originally held in solution, since we have no instance of any appreciable heat being given off by simple precipitation or settling out of the carbonates of lime, as it loses the carbonic acid which held it in solution; besides, this is so slow a process that if any heat was given off it would be so little at a time as to be insensible to the feelings.

“On the contrary, I attribute the cause to the *internal heat of the earth*. I do not mean to say that the waters come in actual contact with fire, but rather that the waters are permeated with highly-heated vapors and gases which emanate from sources deeper-seated than the water itself. The whole geological structure of the country and that of the Hot Springs Ridge in particular, from which the water issues, justifies this assumption.”

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## AS A RESORT FOR INVALIDS

The Hot Springs of Arkansas stand without a rival. At no place in the known world can so many diseases be effectually cured or greatly benefited.

Within the last fifteen years over fifty thousand people have been cured of diseases that the most skillful physicians of our land considered past recovery.

The wonderful cures performed by the use of these thermal waters are truly miraculous; they almost require ocular evidence to be credited. Language that would do only justice, seems exaggeration.

Whilst it is admitted that *all* who come here are not cured—for it must be remembered that with a majority of cases every remedy has been tried before they came to these springs—yet it is believed that ninety out of every hundred are cured or benefited.

Hundreds come here every year to die, expecting only a little longer lease of life; but to their great surprise they are cured, and joyously return to their families and friends. Too much cannot be said to induce those suffering with diseases that can be cured to come and try the efficacy of these waters. Delay is death, or worse than death with many, causing untold misery to their posterity for ages to come.

One of the greatest objects of the author is to herald far and wide the great benefits to be derived by suffering humanity from the intelligent use of these waters.

Every one who comes returns home a living advertisement for Hot Springs, and it is in this way that it has become so well known as a haven for the afflicted.

So happy has been the result with so many invalids who have been cured here that they recommend the hot water for every ill that flesh is heir to, and many come expecting cures of diseases for which these Springs have never been known to be efficacious. But these very visits, in some cases, have proven the use of the waters to be of great service, and in a few cases have performed cures after the physician had requested the invalid not to bathe.

No one can come to the Hot Springs without receiving a good moral lesson. Parents would do well to send their wild boys to this school. If they would not learn wisdom here, there is but little hope of preventing their sowing wild oats. The very restraint I now feel in writing plainly all I would wish to say on this subject is the cause of much of the misery in this world. *Parents, be candid and speak freely to your children; do not allow them to suffer through ignorance.*

### LIST OF DISEASES CURED.

The following diseases are successfully treated, the failure to cure being the exception; where a perfect cure is not effected, a benefit is experienced by *all* where the waters are properly used: Rheu-



HOT SPRINGS CREEK BEFORE BEING IMPROVED.

matism, Gout, Scrofula, Paralysis, Neuralgia, Ozena, Catarrh, Sore Throat, Syphilis—acquired or hereditary, in all its different forms—Asthma, Gravel, Diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, Eczema,

Psoriasis, Uticaria, Impetigo, Prurigo, Rupia, Chronic Ulcers, Glandular Enlargements, Ring Worm, Migraine or Sick Headache, Enlarged Tonsils, Menstruation Troubles, and Sterility. This is a long list, yet the truth is not half told. Not a week passes but some remarkable cures are effected where all hope of recovery had been abandoned before a visit to these Springs had been concluded upon.

The suffering invalids who are afflicted with any of the above diseases, in any form whatever, may feel assured that here at Hot Springs, with proper care and treatment, they will receive a perfect cure or be greatly benefited. The very worst cases find relief from pain and a stay of progress of the disease. I feel that I cannot say too much to induce the invalid to come to Hot Springs, for I am sure that nine out of ten are benefited.

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### AS A RESORT FOR LADIES.

The beautiful ladies, and those who would be beautiful, now understand the effects of these thermal waters upon the skin and complexion, and their numbers are increasing yearly. Thousands who have ruined their complexion by the excessive use of cosmetics visit Hot Springs to renew the beauty of youth and regain a fair and clear complexion.

Those who feel the heavy hand of time being placed upon them, and their looking-glass revealing wrinkles, moth-patches, etc., can, by bathing in and drinking of these waters, so improve their complexion as to appear several years younger than their actual age. Young ladies who by sickness or other causes have lost their youthful beauty, after the free use of these waters come out as fresh as a rose. The complexion of all, old and young, male and female, is thus improved. Thousands of both sexes have already learned the rejuvenating effects of these waters, not only in the restoration of a fair complexion, but a return of the vigorous fullness of youth. Of late years there has been a large increase of lady visitors, and the treatment of many female complaints has proven the efficacy of these waters in that line of diseases. For the grand climacteric change of life these waters are highly regarded, and frequently entirely prevent long and dangerous spells of sickness. This critical period of a woman's life is



pleasantly passed over by a short sojourn at these Springs and a free use of the thermal waters. Sterility is a consequence of functional disorder in most cases with ladies, and to those so troubled the baths are of great importance; they always prove advantageous, removing the cause in almost every case—regularity and happiness is the effect. Uterine diseases as a class, especially leucorrhœa, are very satisfactorily treated. Owing to the great relaxation of the system improvement is not always experienced by the baths, but they greatly improve the general health, and after a return home and a sufficient time has elapsed, all express themselves greatly gratified with the result.

As a resort for ladies, the Hot Springs are increasing in favor, and many gentlemen bring their wives and daughters with them. Last season a large proportion of the visitors were of the first society of the United States, North and South, and not a few from Europe. This class of visitors will be much larger this year than ever before, as the accommodations at the hotels and bath-houses are vastly superior to anything expected. Many of the best hotels now have bath-houses connected with them, with separate apartments for ladies.

There are now many families here on account of the ill health of some of their members. Many of them hire small houses or rooms and go to housekeeping. By so doing they can, at a more reasonable cost, remain long enough to cure chronic diseases, which frequently require a long time to eradicate. This class of visitors is now quite large. They find neat cottages, furnished with the comforts of a little home, and their numbers are rapidly increasing.

Ladies need have no delicacy in visiting these Springs; that day is past, and Hot Springs is not only an invalid's retreat, but a fashionable watering place, and *will be made* one of the prettiest in the land.

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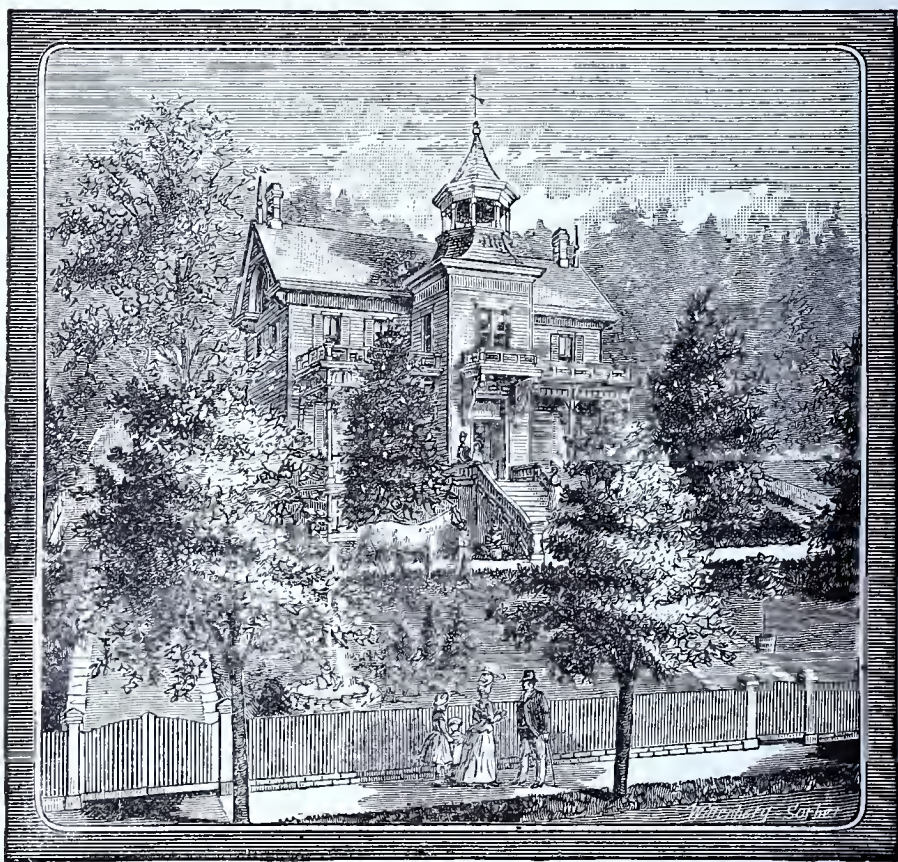
### A RESORT AT ALL SEASONS.

Hot Springs is a resort for health, pleasure or sight-seeing at all seasons of the year, and is probably more so than any other watering place in the world.

Every day in the year the Hot Springs Railroad runs three passenger trains each way between Malvern (where it connects with the Iron Mountain route) and Hot Springs; each train having from two to six

passenger coaches and sleepers, each containing fifteen to fifty people. The daily arrivals of visitors range from 50 to 250.

The delightful climate and well-known efficacy of the thermal waters at all times, make it a pleasant and desirable place of resort at



RESIDENCE OF HON. G. G. LATTA, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

any season of the year. Invalids are needing the beneficial effects of the baths constantly and cannot wait for a change of seasons, *and it is not necessary*. Visitors from the Northern States who are not really invalids, but who feel the bad effect of the extreme cold winter

weather of their native States, flock here in large numbers every winter to escape it, and are more than well paid for so doing. Outdoor exercise and rides can be taken here in the winter months with the same comfort (with an occasional exception of a day or two at a time) as in May or October in the North.

The hotels and boarding-houses keep open doors the whole year round (with the exception of the Eastman); and while it is true that there are favorite seasons when they have more guests than at others, they are beginning to have a goodly number all the year round.

Pleasure parties from the North prefer winter and spring; from the South, summer and fall; but the invalid, (like the poor) "we have always with us." So it can be readily seen why this is a resort at all seasons of the year, and it will continue to be more so every year. It would be extremely difficult to find a more favorable situation for just such a resort. The climate is not subject to either extremes of heat or cold.

Sunstrokes, so common in the North, are unknown here, and the summer nights are always cool and pleasant, enabling the sleeper to rest comfortably and awake in the morning refreshed and invigorated. Sultry nights are almost unknown, sheets and blankets are always in demand before morning. The high elevation, pure mountain air and constant southern breezes account for these blessings.

None but a Northern person can fully appreciate our splendid winter climate, and especially those enfeebled by advanced age or disease, to whom the chilly blasts of winter are detrimental as well as disagreeable. And our summer season is really more pleasant than in most of the Western States, though of course longer.

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## BATHING.

As most of the visitors travel hundreds of miles to bathe in these thermal waters, a description of the bath-houses and manner of bathing should be an interesting subject to all. The physicians give special instructions and written or printed directions to each invalid, after they have undergone a thorough examination. If on examination the physician discovers the heart or lungs are diseased, the in-



valid is not allowed to bathe, as the hot baths in some cases may prove disastrous. Late experiments in these cases have proven that if the lungs are not seriously affected, or the organic action of the heart involved, *careful bathing* is beneficial; simple palpitation is not considered heart disease. The usual directions are to bathe six minutes in water at 96 to 100 degs. Fahrenheit; two to six minutes in the vapor room, where vapor baths are used, and five to twenty minutes in blankets, according to the time required to produce perspiration. Some few physicians do not require or recommend the latter. They also differ somewhat in their treatment. All are governed by the physical condition of the invalid and the nature of the disease. Some can remain in the water twice as long as others, and have it much hotter without any bad effect, while injudicious bathing by an invalid, debilitated by disease, might prove injurious. The old citizens differ in their opinions in regard to bathing in these waters. Persons living here for years, who came on account of chronic diseases, say the waters are very powerful, and they *would not bathe in them without advising with some intelligent physician.*

The physicians have had long experience in the treatment of the different diseases that are curable here, and with the intelligent use of the bath, under their directions, a very large proportion of all who come can be cured. Should any think best to bathe without the advice of a physician, they had better be careful how long they remain in the bath, and how hot they use the water, if they want to be benefited. Commence at 90 degs. and increase gradually to 100 degs. Fahrenheit, but no higher. If your disease requires a hotter bath, you should be governed by the advice of some physician.

The mode of bathing differs with the different diseases. With some the vapor is not used, and some physicians do not use it in any case. All say it is not used as much as in former times. In cases of Rheumatism and Paralysis the douche is sometimes used with satisfactory results. It enables the bather to have a stream of water to fall on any diseased part of the body or limbs, and often gives immediate relief from pain. A few bath rooms have a cold shower-bath which is very much enjoyed by some, especially in the summer. It enables the bather to cool off quickly, but as a rule the invalids come here for hot water and use that kind only. Each bath-house has several attendants who attend to the wants of bathers—rub them



down, assist the lame, etc., for which they are entitled to \$1 or \$2 per week.

After the bath is taken the invalid passes into the vapor-room (if he uses the vapor), and the attendant cleans out the bath-tub and arranges the blankets in it for the sweat-bath (if it is required). Some go home to their rooms and take their sweat in bed. The vapor-bath is in a small room 3x4, which is full of hot steam, continually rising through the open slat floor from a stream of waste hot water which flows under it. Objections are made to the vapor-bath on account of the inhalation of hot vapor, which is thought to be injurious to the lungs, especially if they are not strong.

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### BATH-HOUSES.

Bath-house Row, as it is usually called, is a row of ten beautiful bath-houses. All these are in one continuous row on the east side of Central Avenue, upon the Hot Springs Mountain Reservation, faced by a pretty little park, nearly 100 feet wide, between the bath-houses and the street, and extending nearly one-quarter of a mile. This is in the heart of the city and facing the main business street, but here the business houses and hotels are confined to one side of Central Avenue, opposite the bath-houses, nearly 200 feet from them.

The bath-houses of Hot Springs are the finest in the United States, and were built at an expense ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 each; the latter figure is about the cost of the *Eastman, Park, Alhambra, Imperial* and *Arlington*. They have no superiors in America.

The names of the bath-houses on the Government Reservation are as follows, in the order named, commencing at the Arlington Hotel (which is also upon the northwest corner of this reservation) and running south: *Arlington, Superior, Old Hale, Maurice, Palace, Horse Shoe, Magnesia, Ozark, Rammelsberg, and Lamar*.

On Reservation Avenue, 100 feet north from Central Avenue, and opposite the Hotel Eastman, is the *Imperial*, just completed and generally acknowledged to be the handsomest in the city.

There are six bath-houses off of the Government Reservation: The *Alhambra*, on Ouachita Avenue; the *Park*, on Malvern Ave-

nue; the *Eastman*, on the corner of Cottage and Spring Streets, connected by bridge over former street with Hotel Eastman. These three are in the Southern part of the city, though at, or very near, the center of population. The next is above the Reservation, just opposite the Arlington Hotel, on Fountain Street. It is the *New Hot Springs*—which is now under construction—a three-story building, affording two floors for furnished rooms. On Park Avenue are the *Rockafellow* and the *Avenue*—the latter under the same roof as the Avenue Hotel. At any of these bath-houses the same favorable results from bathing are obtained as at any of those on the Government Reservation.

It is frequently claimed that the hot water is more efficacious at the fountain-head or at the bath-houses on the Hot Springs Mountain Reservation, but as none of the hot water in use for bathing purposes can be used without first being cooled, we do not think the claim holds good. At all the bath-houses off the reservation cooling water has to be used, so little is the loss of heat to the hot water conveyed to them.

*Rockafellow's Bath-House* is supplied with water taken from the Egg Spring, the highest in elevation and temperature of any on the Hot Springs Mountain, and by its natural fall is conducted to this bath-house on Park Avenue, above the junction of Central and Whittington Avenues, and every convenience can be found at this bath-house.

It is owned by Mr. C. N. Rockafellow, one of Hot Springs' most respected citizens, who has resided here for 22 years—ten of which he has been engaged in this business, and he fully understands it. As he gives the bath-house his personal supervision, his patrons are sure of receiving the advantages of his knowledge and experience, as well as his courteous attention.

*The Avenue Bath-House* is connected with the popular hotel of same name. The water is taken from one of the best Hot Springs, and by natural flow, through protected pipes, reaches the bath-house nearly as hot as when it leaves the spring. This bath-house was thoroughly rebuilt and everything is now as good as can be found anywhere in Hot Springs. Tile floors, fine Italian marble partitions and the very best of everything is provided.

Guests of the Avenue Hotel are not obliged to go out of doors to

reach their baths, and can return after taking them, to their rooms without danger of taking cold. Ladies have a separate hallway, parlor and department. All can reach the bathing establishment from any floor in the house by taking the elevator which lands them close to the bath-rooms. The advantages of returning to their rooms in bathing robes and taking a rest, or a nap, before redressing or arranging their toilets, can be fully enjoyed by the guests of the Avenue. A short sleep after the bath is much enjoyed, and we know it to be very efficacious and refreshing.

*Old Hale Bath-House*—This is one of the last bath-houses built, notwithstanding its name. Twenty years ago we first saw on about the same site a bath-house of the same name. So-called because John C. Hale, its owner and one of the old claimants, had another one of more recent construction. Thus, for distinction one was called "Old Hale," and the other "New Hale."

This new "Old Hale," of which we are now writing a description has just been completed, and without doubt, is one of the very best; being of brick and most substantially built. The floors are on iron girders with brick arches on which French tiling is laid upon cement and concrete. The partitions in the bathing departments are of fine white marble on silver-plated supports and with bar connection above, handsomely ornamented and finely plated, nearly every kind of a bath ever thought of can be obtained at the "Old Hale." Office, parlors and reception-rooms for both ladies and gentlemen are elegantly furnished. The whole establishment is heated by steam and the supply of water from the same springs that furnished the "Old Hale" we knew twenty years ago. Logan H. Roots, of Little Rock, and Geo. H. Eastman, of Minneapolis, are owners and proprietors.

*Lamar Bath-House*—This bath-house was named in honor of the late Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme Court while he was Secretary of the Interior. It was built near the close of his term, and was the best erected under his administration.



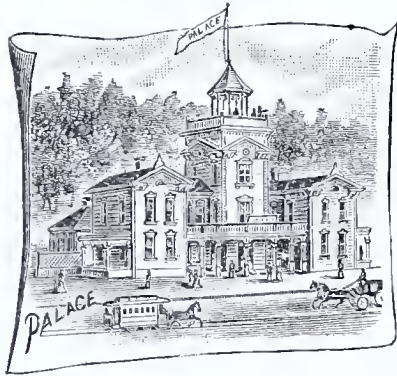
It is the first bath-house on the Government Reservation going north on Central Avenue and gets its supply of water from the Big Iron Spring—the largest and one of the hottest. The handsome illustration is a correct picture and speaks for itself. The interior



is conveniently arranged with reception-rooms and parlors for both sexes, all of which are nicely furnished. Tub, vapor, douch shower and other kinds of baths are provided to suit all. The attendants are well experienced bathers, and the management of all is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Geo. W. Watson, who is always kind and obliging to his patrons. Mr. M. C. Tomblor, who is largely interested in several of our largest enterprises (including the Electric Light and Gas Works), is owner and proprietor.

## PALACE BATH-HOUSE.

This favorite bathing establishment has recently completed its new bathing department which is now one of the best in the city. The bathtubs are imported royal porcelain, and everything connected with the Palace, needed for any kind of bath, is the very best. The hot water with which the house is supplied comes direct from one of the hottest springs and at a temperature sufficiently high to give the very best perspiration-producing vapors. The bathing department is built of brick, with elegant tile flooring, and all the appliances are of the latest approved variety.



The front of the Palace is but little changed in appearance, though it was thoroughly repaired, repainted and refurnished. In this portion of the building are located the office and four parlors (two for each of the sexes)—the ladies having those to the right of the office and the gentlemen the opposite. These parlors are also used for cooling rooms, and being kept at different temperatures the bathers can gradually cool off and thus avoid all danger of taking cold after the bath.

The location of the Palace Bath House is one of the best in the city, being in the center of Bath House Row, and on the south or right-hand side of the main entrance to the Hot Springs Mountain Reservation, now being handsomely improved by the United States Government.

Col. S. W. Fordyce who is president of the Hot Springs Electric Street Railway and also one of the proprietors of the Arlington Hotel, is owner of the Palace, and his brother, J. B. Fordyce, is in charge as manager, and he is always at his post of duty, a courteous gentleman, kind and obliging to all his patrons.

The attendants and assistants are fully competent, and politely and thoroughly perform their duties.

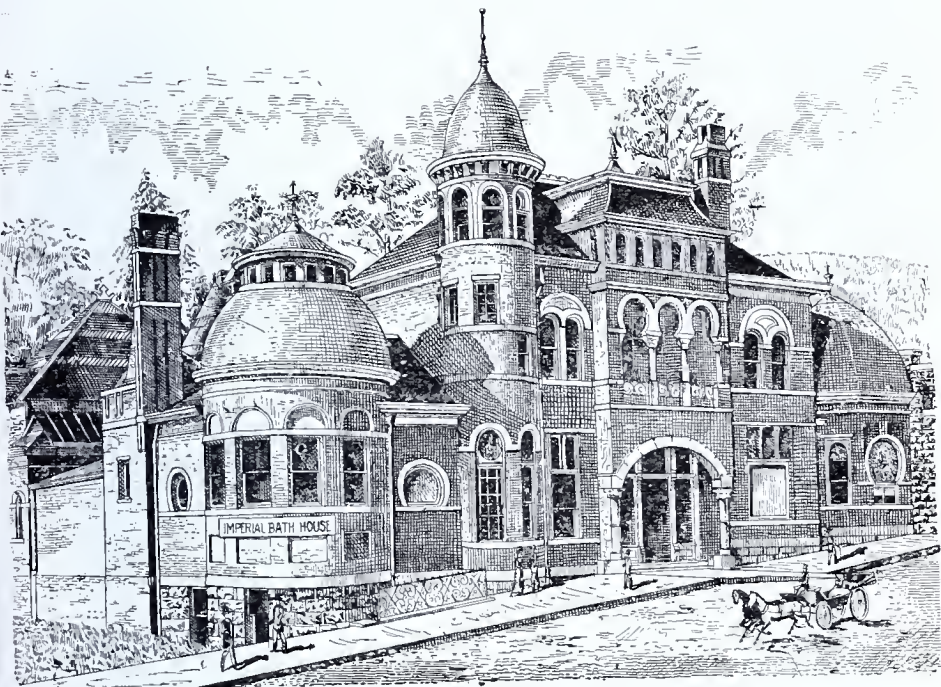
## IMPERIAL BATH HOUSE.

This new bath house is situated on the U. S. Government Reservation, on Reservation Avenue, opposite Hotel Eastman. It is of Moorish architecture, seventy-five feet front by seventy feet deep, two stories high with tower above. Most pleasing in design and appearance, and constructed of cut stone, St. Louis pressed brick, slate and metal roof, and entirely fire proof: having encaustic tile floors, granite plastering, and the bath department having stationary marble partitions, sheet steel embossed ceilings; all wood surfaces faced with galvanized iron, except doors and casings to openings. The house consists of office, two parlors, two cooling rooms, two hot rooms, or improved sweating rooms, separate rooms for bath attendants, with extra dressing and cooling rooms, also small gymnasium upstairs. There are twenty-five bath rooms, including an electric bath and room for both ladies and gentlemen, and twelve vapor rooms, constructed of galvanized iron, with glass top and hollow walls. The tubs in this house are all imported from England, being solid earthenware, commonly known as royal porcelain, with rolled rim or edge, and are of the latest and most improved pattern. The fittings to same, and necessary implements for bathing are brass, nickel plated, with real bronze throughout.

The spring from which the Imperial gets its supply of hot water is situated high upon the mountain and reaches the bath house by natural flow at 140° Fah. Th. It is well protected by a brick arch and about eight feet under ground, and its water used exclusively by the Imperial.

The house is heated by a thorough system of steam heat, readily controlled and regulated for each department. The ventilation in the house is both wall and overhead, and is considered excellent. The doors, casings and finish is of cypress and oak with hard oil finish on natural wood. The usual tub bath is given with douche, the vapor bath, needle bath, shower bath, foot or leg bath, pack and electric bath with the adjuncts of the hot room for extra or prolonged sweating, where the temperature is raised when necessary to 130°. The construction of this house is of the most substantial and enduring character, a monument of beauty to the owners, and a credit and an ornament to Hot Springs. Its cost was \$34,000.00. Rix & Barnes, Proprietors.



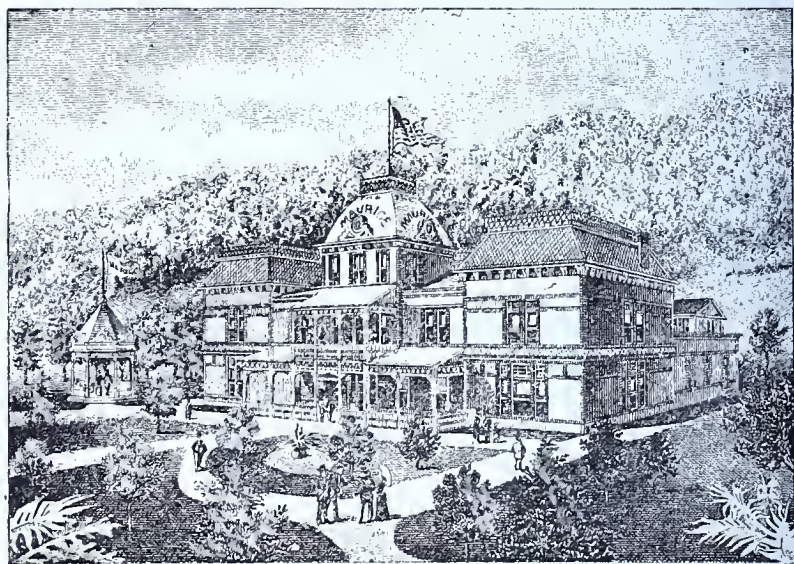


IMPERIAL BATH-HOUSE.

## THE MAURICE.

This new and elegant bathing establishment is situated in the centre of Bath House Row, on the Government Reservation, within ten feet of the hot springs, and is one of the finest in the valley.

The office, parlors, reception, hot, cooling and bath-rooms, are large and commodious and elegantly furnished. Steam heat; sanitary ventilation and plumbing. Each bath room has electric bell and speaking-tube connection with the office. Equipped with Mott's



MAURICE BATH HOUSE.

celebrated Victoria roll-rim porcelain tubs; German, needle, douche, pack, vapor electric, and massage baths. A full force of skilled attendants, which insures the invalid the best of attention.

The house will be under the personal management of Mr. W. G. Maurice, who for many years managed the Ozark. His long experience in the bath-house business will enable him to afford the bather the most satisfactory attention. Letters of inquiry promptly answered, and all information cheerfully furnished.

*Ozark Bath House*—This has been one of the most popular bath houses in the "Valley of Vapors" for many years on account of its favorable locality, its abundant hot water supply and its good management. The house has recently undergone a thorough renovation, alteration and improvement; its bathing facilities have been greatly improved and the building inside and out newly



painted. It now looks better than when it was first erected. It is on Bath-House Row, a little south of its center, making it convenient to all parts of the city. The engraving herewith presented is a true picture, being a complete reproduction of the photo just taken. Part of the Government improvements now under way are shown in an unfinished state. The attention paid to patrons of the *Ozark* by one of the proprietors, Mr. L. H. Carhart, who has a personal management and supervision over all departments is a guarantee of polite and courteous treatment from all connected with the establishment. Latta & Carhart, Proprietors.



*The New Hot Springs Bath-House.*—This substantial brick bath-house has just been completed on Fountain Street, less than 100 feet from Central Avenue, and immediately opposite the Arlington Hotel and the United States Government Reservation—one of the best in the city—is conveniently arranged, with office, parlors, reception and cooling rooms; all of which are splendidly furnished. The bath-rooms are constructed upon the latest and best-approved plans, with improved porcelain tubs; the partitions are made of



NEW HOT SPRINGS BATH-HOUSE.

Italian marble, and every appliance for giving all kinds of baths, including tub, vapor, douche, shower, German-needle and electric. Two upper stories are devoted to furnished rooms, elegant in their appointments. Nothing is over bathing department, which is well-lighted and ventilated from above. The whole building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity and gas. Mark J. Smith, Propr.; W. E. Work, Manager—to whom letters of inquiry should be addressed.

## THE SUPERIOR BATH HOUSE.

This bath house is situated on the Government Reservation nearest to the largest and one of the best hot springs ; so that the hot water flows only a few feet from the spring into the bath tubs. It is claimed by the proprietors that the water directly from the spring is in its best condition to heal the sick, and that their experience has taught them that the best results are attained by bathing at the bath house nearest the springs. The proprietors of the Superior Bath House therefore claim that, from its location, it furnishes to its patrons the hot water in its best healing condition.

The house is furnished with the best quality of Royal Porcelain bath-tubs, which retain the magnetism in the water while bathing. Electric baths are also given .

This bath house is warmed with hot air, affording the best of heat, because there is the constant introduction of fresh air.

The vapors are so arranged that the whole body can be vaporized or the head left out.

A large sweat-room is furnished without a close and stifling heat.

The proprietors claim that those whose cases are difficult will here find first-class accommodations, hot water in its best condition from the fountain head, and good attention.

Persons visiting Hot Springs for their health are invited by the proprietors to visit the Superior and test these waters nearest the fountain head, and by so doing may save time and expense in recovering their health. One of the proprietors gives his personal attention to the management, and tries to furnish accommodations adapted to heal and please his patrons.

The ladies' department is unsurpassed in the quality of its equipments and attention.

The Superior is the first bath house south of the Arlington Hotel Bath House ; is a handsome brick structure, well built, with all necessary appliances of the very best kind.





HOT SPRINGS AS IT WAS.—DRAWN BY PROF. D. D. OWEN, 1859.

## ARMY AND NAVY HOSPITAL.

The elegant engraving found elsewhere in this issue is a true picture of the buildings erected by the United States Government for the Army and Navy Hospital, and we have taken the liberty to lay out and beautify the grounds surrounding them, to the best of our artist's ability, trusting that the Government would take steps to carry out this plan, or some other equally as handsome. The Government



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has recently completed their improvements, but we regret to say they do not equal our artist's design, though good and substantial.

These buildings were designed by Messrs. J. L. Smithmyer & Co., architects, of Washington, D. C. They cost, with all the improvements and furnishings complete, about \$200,000, and cost the contractors and their securities between \$25,000 and \$40,000 more than the original estimate. There are five separate buildings, all connected by verandas. The three-story building is known as the Administration building or headquarters, and is occupied by the Medical and Quartermaster's Departments, and apartments for invalid officers. The two long buildings on each side are the wards for men, sailors or soldiers; the one at the extreme left is the bath-house, with separate apartments for officers and men, and both fitted up in the most approved style, affording conveniences for all kinds of baths. The building back of the headquarters is the annex, containing kitchen, dining-room and pantries for officers. Each ward also has its kitchen, dining-room, etc. Every convenience that could be thought of, has been included in the construction of these buildings, and they do credit to our Government, and are an ornament to our city.

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### THE CITY OF HOT SPRINGS.

There are many hot springs in the world, and even in the United States, but there never could be another city just like Hot Springs. *It is unique.* It is incomparable, and almost indescribable. Its shape is very peculiar, being like two cities joined together by one long main avenue (its chief business thoroughfare) and otherwise entirely separated by two beautiful pine-clad mountains—the Hot Springs and West Mountain. From the former all the hot springs flow, and empty their thermal waters, after furnishing the bath-houses their needed supplies, into the Hot Springs Creek, which runs through the narrow valley between the mountains named, and affords a natural drainage for the whole central and upper portion of the city and over half of the Lower Valley. Congress made an appropriation of \$100,000 to have the Hot Springs Creek walled in and arched over, and the work has been completed, with additional work done

This creek rises about a mile above the springs, and its fall within the limits of the city is nearly one hundred feet, making it a swift mountain stream, and after a hard rain it swells in size to a little river, carrying everything before it that is in its way. It is fed by hundreds of fine cold springs located in the Upper Valley, besides the hot springs before mentioned, all of which flow into it. In size and population the two separate portions of the city were about equal (outside of Central Avenue) for several years, but the difference is now in favor of the south portion; this is more level, and it is here that the great city of Hot Springs is being built.

The city is constantly being visited by people from every State in the Union, and from nearly every country on the globe. A more cosmopolitan city of its size does not exist.

The city is well governed, having a Mayor, Police Judge, Chief of Police, a Sergeant, and a police force of 10 to 15 patrolmen, and 8 aldermen, two from each of the four wards. The peace and order of the city is good and certainly improving. Our visiting population is largely from the best society to be found in the country, including capitalists, judges, senators, cabinet officers and congressmen, who are frequently accompanied by their families.

Something of an estimate of the magnitude of the city can be made from the following: From the northern to the southern limits of settlement (one-half mile beyond city limits) is three and one-half miles; following the line of Central and Park avenues, east to west, two miles. The original limits of the Hot Springs Reservation (the city now extending beyond the southern line) was four square miles, or 2,529.5 acres, of which there are reserved for parks and reservations 888.7 acres. The city has gas and electric light works, water works, having about seven miles of mains, with a capacity of 2,250,000 gallons per day. The protection against fire in the central part of the city is unexcelled, there being 55 fire hydrants and sufficient pressure, so great is the fall, to do without a steam engine; however, the city owns one, but it has not been used for several years. The fire department is composed of a chief and a few assistants under pay, and volunteer companies composed of merchants and young men. In the busiest seasons there are nearly 20,000 people in the city—residents and visitors. The number of hotels and boarding-houses is estimated to be 500, making Hot Springs a City of Hotels.

*Improvements.*—Improvements are going forward without interruption. Besides the building of the Arlington hotel and several new bath-houses, the Government is doing a noble work in beautifying the Hot Springs Mountain—laying out walks, drives, grass-plats and flower-beds. So extensive is the work contemplated and under way, that it will require two years to complete it. It is under the supervision of First-Lieut. R. R. Stevens, and he is doing the work thoroughly. The street railway is also substituting electricity for mules. Hot Springs is going forward with lightning speed.

#### HOT SPRINGS GOVERNMENT RESERVATION.

The improvements on the Hot Springs Mountain are now commencing to show to an advantage, but it is only a commencement of what the Government intends doing towards ornamenting and beautifying this very valuable property. The Bath-House Row Park, with its excellent wide cement walk of nearly one-half mile in length, its shade-trees, shrubs and flower-beds, is now a beauty. The beautiful stone columns which mark the main entrance to the road or drive leading to the Hot Springs Mountain Reservation are now complete and are a credit to Lt. Stevens and the workmen who executed his designs; the connecting work is progressing and but few even imagine its grandeur. The engraving found elsewhere in the GUIDE will give a fair idea of this extensive and beautiful work. From the street to the entrance is about fifty feet (the width of the Park), and from the entrance to the commencement of the series of stone steps is about 100 feet. The distance to the top about 400 feet and the total elevation above the entrance is about 110 feet. The illustration is from face drawings of plans which were kindly furnished us by Lt. Stevens. The grand stairway leads to three drives on the Hot Springs Mountain, two of which are crossed and the third is at the top landing—this one leads into the lovely grounds of the Army and Navy Hospital. The drives are not complete as yet, though excellent roads for carriages and buggies extend along and about the mountain for two miles or more.

## THE ARLINGTON HOTEL.

The name of this hotel is more closely allied with Hot Springs than that of any other. The old Arlington for nearly twenty years was the leading and largest hotel, and because of its superior location and excellent management it held this position among the numerous hostleries of this "City of Hotels," until the demands of our visitors, and their increased number, necessitated the erection of larger and better hotel accommodations. The building of the New Arlington is in part the result of this demand, and in its completion, everything throughout the establishment that would add comfort, convenience and beauty, that labor and money could secure, is to be found in its proper place.

The building cost about \$500,000, the plans of which were carefully designed by Stewart, McClure & Mullgardt, well known architects of St. Louis, who are justly proud of their achievement, as it is considered one of the handsomest hotel structures in the South.

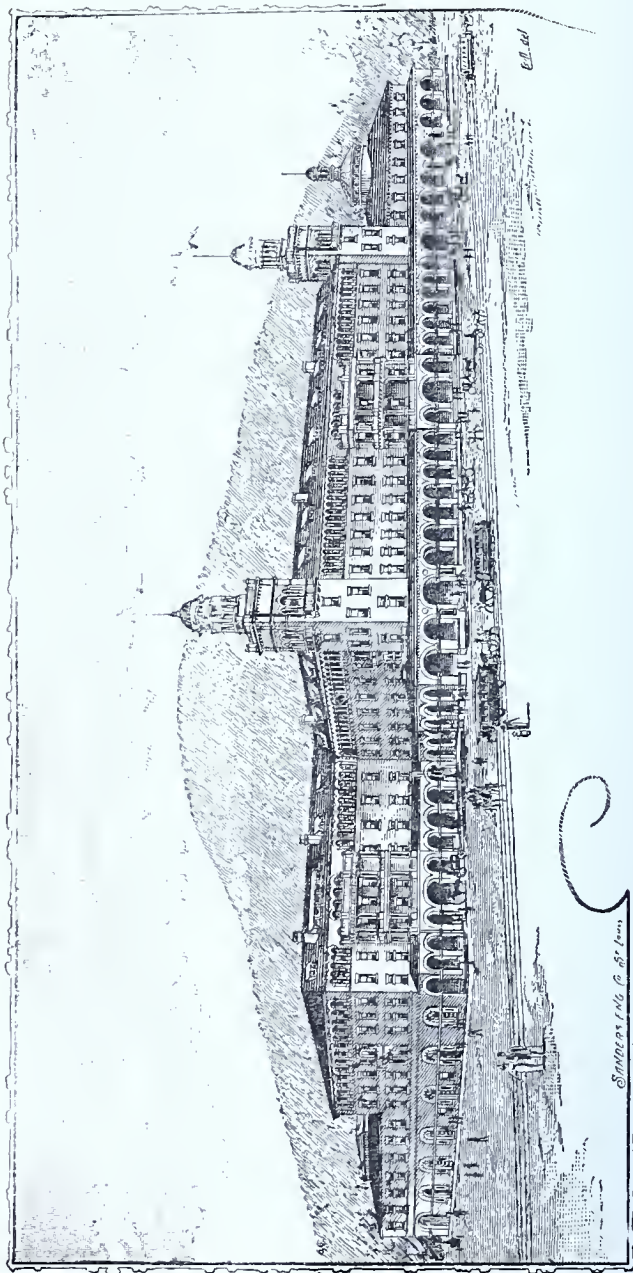
The completion of the New Arlington was looked forward to by all our citizens and many visitors as the opening of a new era in Hot Springs, for it is the purpose of its proprietors to maintain a strictly first-class hotel in every respect and to keep open doors all the year round.

The building is constructed of brick, and is five stories high, and the architectural beauty of the building is very imposing, resembling somewhat the Ponce de Leon, its only equal in this particular in the South.

The public rooms are large and numerous, giving ample space for recreation and exercise indoors whenever an unpleasant day comes to prevent them in the open air. The rotunda is 54 x 87 feet, with hotel office on one side, back of which are two private offices, and on the opposite side are the reading and writing rooms, news and cigar stands. The grand stairway is between these, and circles around a beautiful, large, glass dome. On these stairs, from all points, a full view of the whole office and rotunda is obtained. It is very handsomely finished, and ornamented in oak. South of the rotunda is the general parlor, and the dancing parlor; it is 40 ft. wide by 72 feet long, the floor of which is of white maple, and waxed. On the north side of the office is situated the ladies' parlor, 28 x 50 feet.



OPENED MARCH 21, 1893.



THE ARLINGTON HOTEL HOT SPRING, ARK.—LYMAN T. HAY, MANAGER.

It is most elaborately, yet tastefully furnished and decorated; the floors with Wilton carpet, with damask hangings at all openings, and the furniture is of mahogany, upholstered with rich silk brocatelle. Besides this elegant parlor, the ladies are provided with a handsome reception room, furnished and finished in oak; also a private corresponding room 15 x 25.

Besides the public rooms above mentioned there are several others for the convenience and pleasure of the guests. A large and well furnished barber shop is convenient to the office, and on same floor in north wing is an elegantly furnished bar-room. Adjoining this, but in separate halls are the bowling alleys and the handsome billiard parlor.

The dining room is 54 x 120 feet, with a 20-foot ceiling of ornamental steel, handsomely panelled. It is well lighted on three sides. The large bay window facing the little garden adds to the beauty and spaciousness of this banquet hall. The furnishing is in ivory and gold, and the effect, especially when brilliantly illuminated, is very rich and pleasing. The ladies' ordinaries adjoining, of which there are two, are also thus handsomely finished. These ordinaries can be added to the regular dining room, when on any special occasion additional space is required, by simply opening the large folding doors and removing the draperies separating them.

All the floors of the first story are of beautiful French and mosaic tile. The toilet rooms throughout the house, on every floor, also have tile flooring and Italian marble furniture.

There are 50 rooms in the house which have bath and toilet rooms connecting and are supplied with hot and cold water and stationary washstands. The rooms are all arranged with double doors between, so as to permit a suite of any number. The furniture throughout the house is in keeping with everything in and about the hotel. It is modern in all its appointments and strictly first-class in each department and in every particular.

Adjoining on the South, and connected, is the Arlington Bath-house, built upon the site of the Rector Bath-house, so long considered one of the best in the city, and at the very fountain-head of the hot springs. It is supplied with all the latest and best appliances and conveniences for giving all kinds of baths, and none of the

best improvements have been omitted. The floors are of mosaic tiling; the partitions of the finest Italian marble. Parlors, reception and sweating rooms are provided on each floor, and all of which are nicely furnished to suit their respective purposes. The bath-house is entered from the first and second floors of the hotel. The upper story is principally devoted to lady guests, though four bath-rooms, in a separate department on this floor, are for the exclusive use of invalid gentlemen guests, who can be wheeled in reclining chairs directly from their rooms to the bath. Of course the same can be done with invalid ladies. Both hotel and bath-house are heated with steam and lighted by gas and electricity.

The house is practically fire-proof—there being no fires in the hotel proper, excepting in the kitchen, laundry, and the grand fireplace in the general parlor. (The kitchen, laundry, and engine-room—the latter located in the basement of the bath-house—are all in strictly fire-proof rooms). But in case of fire, numerous and easy escapes are provided. Every floor is connected by iron bridges with the Hot Springs Mountain, over which invalids in chairs can be wheeled directly to the drives and walks the Government has recently laid out. The passenger elevators are built in brick shafts; and besides the grand stairway in the centre, there is also one at each end of the building.

The illustration as shown was engraved, before the completion of the house, from architect's drawing. It will be observed that two tall observatories are provided which afford splendid views of the city, valley and surrounding mountains; in fact the same can be said of nearly every room on the two upper floors.

This is the only hotel built upon the Government Reservation, and the company has a long and favorable lease upon this valuable piece of property.

The Arlington Hotel Company is composed of the former proprietors of the hotel, S. H. Stitt, S. W. Fordyce and A. B. Gaines, and several other citizens of Hot Springs, and friends in other cities.

Arlington Hotel Co. proprietors: S. H. Stitt, President; Lyman T. Hay, Secretary and Manager. Letters of inquiry promptly answered. Rooms cheerfully and carefully selected for patrons.



## HOTEL EASTMAN.

Season opens in January and closes June 1st. This palatial hotel has always done the largest business of any winter resort in America. It is an imposing five-story building of colossal dimensions, covering several acres of ground, and crowned with lofty towers and observatories which overlook the Ouachita Valley and the peaks of Ozarks for miles and miles. It is constructed on two sides of a quadrangular park, decorated with trees, flowers and fountains, forming a delightful approach. The hotel contains 520 guest rooms, all large, well lighted and elegantly furnished and appointed. Each room may be considered a front one, as there are none but command delightful views of valley, mountain or woodland. The main halls, twelve feet wide, extend through the center of the entire building, each forming a grand promenade 675 feet long.

No convenience that could possibly add to the comfort of the public has been neglected in the arrangement of this house. It has a grand observatory, with numerous balconies, commanding fine views of the beautiful scenery in and around Hot Springs, beautiful grounds and promenades, a grand parlor for balls and receptions, special parlors for ladies and gentlemen, reading rooms, card rooms and billiard rooms, and the largest and best lighted dining hall of any winter resort. All are most sumptuously furnished and fitted with every necessary accessory.

The Hotel Eastman is virtually fire-proof, the main building being constructed of red brick, iron and wood, and the kitchen, the only place where there is a fire, is thoroughly fire-proof. The steam plant is located across the street from the hotel.

The building is heated throughout by steam and lighted by electricity, both the incandescent and the arc systems being used. There are few resort hotels in the country that have made such bounteous provision for the comfort and convenience of their guests as the Eastman.

The bath-house and its appointments are simply superb. It is located east of the hotel and across Cottage Avenue, but a corridor built across this avenue connects the two buildings, the corridor being an extension of the second-story hall. Both corridor and bath-



house are heated by steam, insuring an equable temperature to the bathers en route to and from their rooms. There are eight parlors and forty bath-rooms, the latter constructed entirely of brass and marble, and the bath-tubs lined with the most expensive Roman porcelain. The hot water is brought from the Government reservoir far above, on the Hot Springs Mountain.

The spacious park in front of the Eastman, above referred to forms a great romping ground for the children, who can be seen at all hours of the day busy at their games, rolling and tumbling on the grass, riding the obstinately slow but persistent burros, laughing and screaming with delight, while their more sedate elders look on complacently as they promenade along the broad verandas or rest quietly in the huge but cosy rocking-chairs.

The observatory tower is a popular addition to the Eastman, rising to an elevation of nearly 200 feet, and revealing to the guest who scales its dizzy height a magnificent cyclorama of mountain and vale and forest streams, which well repays the exertion of the ascent.

The daily routine of the Eastman is literally one continual round of pleasure. The hotel is blessed with a superb orchestra which discourses sweet music morning, afternoon and night in the grand rotunda. So popular is this orchestra that it is a regular fad for the guests of other hotels to organize parties to visit the Eastman and hear the concerts. At nine o'clock each night the music adjourns to the grand ball room and furnishes rythmic inspiration for an assemblage of merry dancers. A german is given at least once a week, and square and round dances are in vogue on other nights. This, with card parties, theater parties, exploring trips among the mountains, horseback excursions in the country and the other numerous amusements always suggested at pleasure resorts, make the life of the Eastman guests a truly happy one during their sojourn at the Springs.

The season at the Eastman runs from early in January until June 1st, announcements as to the exact time of opening and closing being made in ample time each year. The past season of 1893 was the fourth and the large patronage, even exceeding the capacity of the hotel, shows its great popularity. Its guests register from all quarters of the globe,



The attendance at the Eastman is unexceptionable. From the manager down to the bell-boys, the sole and constant aim of each attache appears to be to insure the comfort and pleasure of the patrons—no easy task, when one thinks that they have a population that would make a small city in itself, to look after and care for, to lodge, amuse and feed.

The management have determined to put the rates of this house at figures that will suit all classes of tourist travel, and prices will be made at \$21.00, \$25.00, \$28.00, \$35.00, \$42.00 and \$50.00 per week, according to location, but all of the rooms are elegant and perfect in their appointments.

The following is a copy of a letter from Messrs. Regis Chouvenet & Bro.—the celebrated analytical chemists—to Mr. George W. Parker, the president of the New York Hotel Company, owners of the Hotel Eastman, giving the analysis of the new artesian spring which supplies the hotel with all the cold water used for drinking purposes etc :

GEORGE W. PARKER, President Hotel Eastman :

DEAR SIR,—Sample of water from deep artesian well sunk on property of Eastman Hotel at Hot Springs, Ark., has been subjected to complete analysis, with results as follows :

	Grains per Gal.						Parts per 100,000
Solid Residue at 212 F,	-	-	-	-	-	13.20	22.63
Loss by Ignition,	-	-	-	-	-	3.46	5.93
Permanent Residue,	-	-	-	-	-	9.74	16.70
Composed as follows:—							
Sulphate of Lime,	-	-	-	-	-	3.89	6.67
Carbonate of Lime,	-	-	-	-	-	2.85	4.87
Carbonate of Magnesia,	-	-	-	-	-	1.99	3.41
Chloride of Sodium,	-	-	-	-	-	1.01	1.73
						9.74	16.70

This is a sparkling clear water, which on long standing throws out a small amount of oxide of iron, 0.41 grains per gallon. Like many of the celebrated

waters of Hot Springs it is perfectly free from all organic impurity or contamination and we can pronounce it to be a most excellent and wholesome water for all uses.

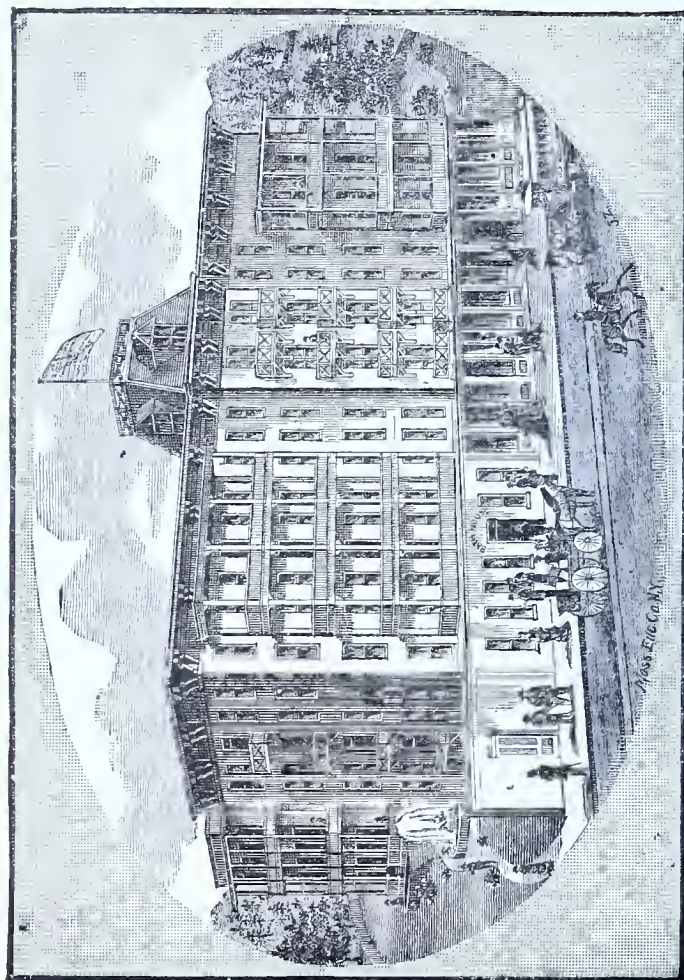
The contained salts are the most desirable in nature and indicate a water which will compare favorably with any in the region.

This water may in short be pronounced to be a perfectly normal and perfect spring water, free from the salty objections common in many deep artesian wells. The Hotel Company may congratulate themselves on having such a remarkably fine spring.

(Signed) REGIS CHAUVENET & BRO.

The table and service is superior to that of any resort hotel in America and will compare favorably with the largest and best hotels in the large eastern cities. The first impression as one enters the grand dining-room is one of mingled wonder, bewilderment and admiration; wonder at its colossal dimensions, bewilderment at the gorgeous spectacle afforded by the myriad lights and the gayly dressed multitude, and admiration of the beautiful and harmonious decorations. A thousand people may be seated here and served speedily and satisfactorily by the army of thoroughly trained waiters. Thanks to the perfection of the refrigerator car system, the choicest meats, game and delicacies from all parts of the world can be and are served to guests here, as fresh and delicious as if on their native heath. There is never lack of variety, either in the food or its preparation, which shows the chefs to be masters of their art—the true art preservative.

Any further information desired of Hot Springs or Hotel Eastman will be cheerfully furnished by Henry N. Willey, Manager.



THE AVENUE HOTEL—HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

## AVENUE HOTEL.

This beautifully-located house was completed in 1882, but has recently been improved, repaired throughout, and its walls calsomined. Its bath-rooms have also been remodeled, and new bath-tubs and other conveniences introduced for the accommodation of the bathing guests.

A new hydraulic elevator—one of W. E. Hale & Co.'s best—has been put in at a cost of \$2,500, which runs to every floor of the hotel; and at the landing on the ground floor is a private hallway leading to the ladies' bath-rooms.

The bath-rooms in this house are only for the guests of the hotel, and are under the same roof.

All the modern conveniences are found in this well-appointed hotel—electric lights in the office and dining-room, with gas throughout the house, electric bells in all the rooms, besides baths and elevators already mentioned. There is also telegraphic connection in the office of the hotel.

It is one of the best furnished houses in the South, every room having fine marble-top sets of furniture—dressing-cases, wardrobes, spring beds finely upholstered, etc.

The dining-room is large, light and airy, and the tables are always supplied with the very best of everything.

Bridges connect each floor with the mountain in the rear, for easy escape in case of fire; but the stand-pipes and fire-hose, which can be operated instantly in connection with the water-works, with a pressure of 116 pounds, is a sufficient guarantee against any serious conflagration.

Street cars pass the door every five minutes, which convey passengers to all parts of the valley.

The locality is in the Upper Valley, on Park Avenue, on an elevated position, and is considered to be one of the healthiest localities in the city.

The Avenue Hotel Company are the proprietors. Mr. A. R. Smith, president and manager, has had many years experience, and with the assistance of his gentlemanly and accommodating clerks, all guests of the house are made to feel at home, and their stay is always agreeable.



## NEW WAVERLY HOTEL.

This excellent house is under the management of Mr. L. D. Cain, president and projector of the Waverly Hotel Company. Mr. Cain first became proprietor of this hotel about 18 years ago. Experience has enabled him to anticipate the wants of visitors to Hot Springs. The entire house is to be remodeled and refurnished, and a hot-water bath-house, unexcelled in appointments, is to be erected in



NEW WAVERLY HOTEL.

connection with the house. Improvements will be completed in time for the winter season of 1893-4. The hotel will remain open while improvements are in progress. Being fitted with modern conveniences, it is excelled only by the three large hotels.

Special attention is given to the cuisine, in which not less than in the care and service of its guests it fully merits the fair name it has long enjoyed as a family hotel of the highest order.

## UNITED STATES HOTEL.

This brick hotel was erected about five years ago by the proprietors, and is one of the handsomest blocks in the city. It is situated in the center of Central Avenue and immediately opposite Bath-House Row, and the principal bath-houses on Government Reservation. The hotel is provided with elevator, electric bells, light and other modern improvements. The rooms are large and well ventilated.



The owners have taken charge of the hotel, renovated and carpeted halls, parlor and bed-rooms.

Under the new management of W. A. Woodcock, in the office, and Mrs. J. P. Warren, in the house-keeping department, the hotel is doing a prosperous business and giving universal satisfaction to the numerous guests; the table is made a leading feature. Warren, Murphy & Woodcock, Proprietors. Terms, \$10 to \$17.50 per week according to location of room.





HOTEL JOSEPHINE—HOT SPRINGS, ARK.



## HOTEL JOSEPHINE.

This beautiful hotel, as shown by the engraving on next page, is one of the best located houses in the city, being situated on the corner of Whittington Avenue and Cedar Street—one of the best hotel sites in the city—having a fine view of two of the principal streets in the valley. The house is nearly new, with entirely new furniture and carpets of the latest style and of the best quality. It has between fifty and sixty rooms, and when guests are largely composed of families (which is often the case), the hotel accommodates about one hundred people.

Mr. R. B. Worrell, formerly of Mexico, Mo., who has recently become proprietor of the Josephine, has taken a long lease of the property, justifying him in spending a large sum of money in refurnishing, painting and improving it, which he has done most thoroughly, making it look as new as when it was rebuilt, five or six years ago. The proprietor's wife is in charge of the ladies' department, and gives the entertainment of the lady guests her personal attention. Mr. Worrell is keeping up the well-deserved reputation of the house, and it is his claim and desire to make it in every way better than it has ever been kept before.

The gentlemanly and popular clerk, Mr. H. B. Hallock, so long connected with the Josephine, still remains in charge of the office.

All letters of inquiry promptly answered, and GUIDES furnished on application.

The rooms are light and well ventilated, and all have electric bells communicating with the office. Rates, \$2 per day; \$8, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 per week. The guests of the Josephine have easy access to any part of the city, as all cars of the new electric road pass this hotel.

## NATIONAL HOTEL.

The National is situated on Park Avenue, opposite the Avenue Hotel, and within a few hundred feet of two bath-houses. The proprietor, Mr. J. H. Brewer, is a member of the Brotherhood of locomotive engineers, Div. 182, and therefore the National is a favorite resort for railroad men. Mr. Brewer offers the lowest rates in the city for equal accommodations.

## HOTEL WORREL.

This fine house has one of the best situations in the city, overlooking the whole lower part of it, and only one block from the business portion, convenient to the post-office, banks, and nearly opposite the Eastman. It commands a beautiful view of the mountains and the country all around for miles. The house is well built,



HOTEL WORRELL—HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

finely furnished, and is kept in good style. The rooms are large, light and airy, and guests preferring to be away from the noise and busy bustle of the city, yet convenient to it, will find contentment at this hotel. The location is one of the healthiest in town.

Rates, \$8.00 to \$12.50 per week. Mr. Joe Molen, an old and well known resident, is proprietor.

## THE GREAT NORTHERN.

This hotel is situated at the corner of Benton and Valley streets, opposite the junction of Malvern Avenue with Bridge Street and the two streets above named. It is only about two hundred feet from Central Avenue and nearly opposite the Hot Springs Depot. One block from the baths, banks, post office, &c. It is one of the most central in the city, and one of the best for commercial men, to whom special rates are made, and has nice sample-rooms. The hotel is run on both the American and European plans; the rates being \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day for the former, and \$1.00 and up, per day, for the latter—a splendid restaurant or café is connected. Street cars pass the door, and also on Central Avenue near-by, as stated.



The house was erected one year ago, of brick, with pressed brick front, and is one of the handsomest blocks in the city; none are more substantially constructed. There is first-class accommodation for 75 to 100 guests, who will be well pleased with the house and its fare. The furniture with which the hotel is furnished is all of the very best quality and of the latest style. Thomas Monahan and G. W. Hart are the proprietors, under the firm-name of Monahan & Hart. Letters of inquiry promptly answered.



## THE BURLINGTON.

This hotel is situated on Park Avenue, in the upper part of the city—long considered the most healthy—and the favorite portion for private residences. The house was built for a family hotel.

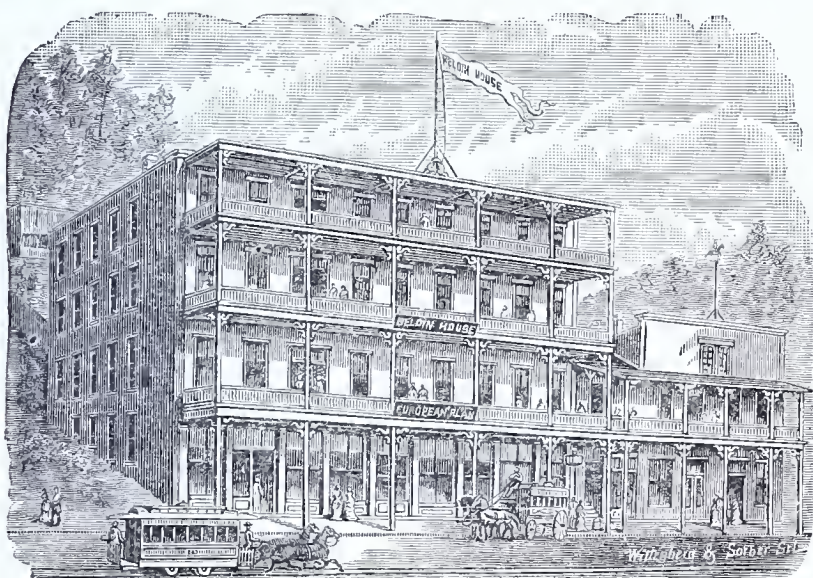


Mr. W. F. Drake is proprietor, and the Burlington is one of the best arranged and constructed frame hotels in the city. Good fare and accommodations for the prices charged, which are reasonable.

## THE BELDIN HOUSE.

This fine house is situated in center of the city, one block above the Arlington, and on same side of Central Ave. Mr. L. D. Beldin, the owner and proprietor, is an old citizen of the city, and at one time was Circuit Judge of this judicial district.

The cut is a good picture of its exterior. The rooms are large, well-ventilated and furnished, and can be rented with or without board.



THE BELDIN HOUSE—HOT SPRINGS, ARK

Judge Beldin gives his house close personal attention, and visitors will find this a comfortable and central abode.

Terms very reasonable. There are no drummers or runners employed by this house ; but rather it is run on its own merits.

Letters of inquiry promptly answered, and information cheerfully furnished to all parties writing to L. D. Beldin, Proprietor.

## CHICAGO FLATS.

This new and handsome brick block was completed last fall (1891), by Wm. J. McTague, who has been a well-known citizen of Hot Springs for over twenty years. It was opened this spring (1892), with elegantly furnished appartments, on the European plan.



THE MCTAGUE BLOCK.

The house is furnished with modern conveniences, including gas, electric lights, etc. On the mountain side, back of the house, easily reached by a covered passage, is a fine Restaurant for the convenience of the guests of the house, and others who have access from the outside of building from the street. Street cars pass the door for all parts of the city. Bath-house one block distant in either direction. Rates reasonable. Mrs. W. J. McTague, Proprietress.



## THE BLOOMINGTON HOTEL.

This house is pleasantly situated on Ouachita Avenue (No. 324), on the line of street cars, which pass the house every few minutes. It is outside of the busy part of the city, retired and quiet; just such a place as would be selected for rest and comfort, and yet convenient enough to bath-houses and the center of business, as the street cars will take passengers there in five minutes' time. Home comforts and fare can be found at very moderate rates—\$5.00 to \$8.00 per week—and we believe it the best in the city for the price named.

## THE HOWARD.

The Howard is a European hotel situated in the center of the city, opposite Bath-House Row, on Central Avenue and convenient to banks, post office, etc. Its rooms are elegantly furnished, and under the new management everything is now conducted in first-class order. It has gas, electric bells, and other modern conveniences. Every room is well-lighted and ventilated; some of them are large and elegant, and can be used single or en suite. Terms, 50c. to \$1.50 per day, or \$3.00 to \$10.00 per week, according to size and location. W. G. Maurice, proprietor.

**EXPENSES AT THE SPRINGS.**

Board and lodging per month, . . .	\$16 00 to \$150 00
Physicians' fees per month, . . .	20 00 to 30 00
Medicines, (if needed) per month, . . .	5 00 to 15 00
Bathing per month, . . .	5 00 to 10 00
Bath servants (if needed) per month, . . .	3 00 to 5 00
Total per month, . . .	\$49 00 to \$210 00

These figures represent the highest and the lowest, though some can get along with less, and others manage to spend more; but these give a general idea. The regular fees of physicians are \$5 for first examination, with bathing directions, and \$25 per month for office practice (two or three consultations per week). Higher charges are only made where extra attention is required and visits made at the hotels. At no place are the physicians' fees, for the same amount of attention rendered, less than those charged by the profession here. The same may be said of all other expenses here as compared with any other "watering place."

Bathing outfits (blankets, woolen suits, towels, water cans, etc.) can be bought as cheaply here as at any point, as the merchants keep a large stock, and make a specialty of this line of goods.

Ladies and gentlemen can buy almost any article needed to complete their wardrobe should they need anything while here to replenish with.

It is too generally supposed that a trip to Hot Springs is very expensive, and that a good bank account is necessary, but it is not so. Economy can be used here as elsewhere—and one can spend money here as well as in any city.

**VITAL STATISTICS, ETC.**

On the following pages we publish in part the annual report of Dr. Wm. H. Barry, M. D., Chief Executive Health Officer of the City of Hot Springs, for year ending December 31, A. D. 1888. It will be seen that the tables show a most favorable condition of the public health of the city.

## AREA OF CITY AND EXTENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Population, resident and visiting, 20,000	No. Acres in Parks, including	
Resident..... 14,000	Government Reservation... 888.7	
No. Visitors during year..... 50,000	Lineal miles of Streets..... 49.94	
No. Daily papers..... 2	No. miles of Street Railway.. 7¼	
No. Weekly "..... 2	No. of miles of Main Sewer.. 6.13	
No. Churches..... 15	Capacity Ice Factory per day,	
No. Schools..... 7	in tons..... 25	
No. Hotels, Boarding and Fur-	No. miles of Gas Main..... 4	
nishing Houses, more than.. 500	No. miles of Water Main.... 6½	
No. Banks..... 3	No. Fire Hydrants..... 55	
No. Drug Stores..... 20	Capacity of Water Works per	
No. Physicians..... 45	day, in gallons..... 2,250,000	
No. Planing Mills and Sash and	No. miles Telephone Wire... 100	
Door Factories..... 3	No. miles Electric Light Wire 18	
No. square miles in City..... 4	No. of Hot Springs..... 72	
No. Acres in City..... 2,529.5	No. of Bath Houses..... 17	

## VITAL STATISTICS.

## CAUSE OF DEATH.

Apoplexy..... 1	Embolism of Heart..... 1
Abscess..... 1	Enderteritis..... 1
Amputation..... 1	Fever, Typhoid..... 6
Alcoholism..... 1	Fever, Typho-Malarial..... 4
Bronchitis..... 1	Fever, Intermittent..... 3
Bright's Disease..... 5	Fever, Congestive..... 3
Congestion..... 3	Fever, Malarial..... 1
Congestion of brain..... 4	Fever, Continued..... 1
Cyrrhosis of Liver..... 1	Gangreen of Throat..... 1
Cholera Infantum..... 4	Gunshot Wound..... 4
Consumption..... 21	Heart Disease..... 4
Child-birth..... 1	Hæmophilia..... 1
Cancer..... 3	Inanition..... 6
Cerobritis..... 1	Locomotor Ataxia..... 1
Cystitis..... 1	Meningitis..... 1
Cerebral Hemorrhage..... 1	Myelitis..... 1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis..... 2	Marasmus..... 10
Croup..... 1	Mania-a-potu..... 1
Cancer of the Stomach..... 1	Murdered..... 1
Dropsy..... 10	Obstruction of Bowels..... 1
Dysentery..... 3	Ovarian Tumor..... 1
Drowned..... 5	Paritic Dementia..... 1
Diarrhœa..... 7	Paralysis..... 4
Diphtheretic Sore Throat..... 1	Pneumonia..... 16
Disease of the Kidneys..... 1	Poison..... 1
Epilepsy..... 1	Rheumatism..... 1
Endocolita..... 1	Suicide..... 4
Emphysemia of Lungs..... 1	Syphilis..... 3



Tuberculosis of Bowels.....	1	Unknown.....	3
Tuberculosis.....	1	Urimic Poison.....	1
Ulcer of Leg.....	1	Whooping Cough.....	2
Ulcer of Throat.....	1		
Ulceration of Stomach.....	1	Total.....	177

## CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Zymotic.....	50
Constitutional.....	29
Local.....	58
Violent.....	15
Developmental.....	16
Not Classified.....	9
Total.....	177

No contagious diseases in city during year except 1 case Scarlet Fever; a few cases Whooping Cough and Measles.

## CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONS.

Residents.....	95
Visitors.....	82
Males.....	116
Females.....	61
White.....	130
Colored.....	47
Adults.....	121
Under 21 years.....	53
Age not given.....	3

## NUMBER OF DEATHS EACH MONTH.

January.....	6	July.....	18
February.....	8	August.....	16
March.....	11	September.....	19
April.....	15	October.....	15
May.....	22	November.....	14
June.....	19	December.....	14

## PER CENT OF DEATHS PER 1,000.

Residents.....	6.11	Visitors.....	1.32
Residents and Visitors.....			7.43

## PER CENT OF DEATHS PER 1,000 IN A FEW OTHER CITIES.

Chattanooga, Tenn., 1888.....	16.90	Baltimore, Md., December.....	18.46
Nashville, ".....	16.36	Philadelphia, Pa., ".....	17.56
Memphis, ".....	23.08	Cincinnati, Ohio, November.....	14.10
Chicago, Illinois, ".....	19.56	St. Louis, Mo., December.....	17.64
State of Delaware, ".....	15.68	Louisville, Ky., December.....	14.04
Burlington, Vt., November.....	25.06	San Antonio, Texas, November.....	22.15
Manchester, N. H., October.....	21.02	Mobile, Ala., December.....	26.02
Boston, Mass., December.....	21.94	Lynchburg, Va., ".....	21.82
Providence, R. I., November.....	18.24	Los Angeles, Cal., November.....	10.05
Danbury, Ct., ".....	22.00	San Francisco, Cal., ".....	20.72
New York City, December.....	25.66	Hot Springs, Ark.....	6.11

Out of 486 cities and towns in the United States, only 5 have as low death rate as Hot Springs; 27 in British America, only 1; 29 in England, none; 111 in Central Europe, none. Sanitation is the life of the city.

**OTHER MINERAL SPRINGS.****POTASH-SULPHUR.**

*Mode of Shipping.*—The Potash-Sulphur water is put up in quart bottles either carbonated or natural, and is guaranteed to keep an indefinite period of time. Price, per case of 60 quarts, \$6. As all freight or express charges have to be guaranteed by shipper, we will positively fill no orders unless paid for in advance of shipment. Money can be sent in registered letter to Potash Sulphur., Ark., or by P. O. order, payable at Hot Springs, Ark. All orders promptly filled.

These well-known springs and popular resort are situated seven miles from Hot Springs, and one mile from Lawrence Station, east of this city, on the Hot Springs Railway.

The waters are sulphuretted alkaline, and are highly esteemed by the medical profession here, who send many of their patients there to spend a few days while they are resting after taking a course of thermal baths, and always with beneficial results. For many diseases these waters are very highly prized, and promote a speedy cure. A few days spent here does much toward curing the invalid, building him up, frequently increasing his weight three to six pounds in one week, and preparing him for another course of baths at Hot Springs.

Mr. E. E. Woodcock, the present proprietor of the hotel, is keeping a better house than has ever been kept at Potash-Sulphur Springs. He has completed a large hotel building, and it is furnished throughout in first-class style. Mr. Woodcock is always making additional improvements. The rooms in the new hotel building are large and well ventilated; the dining-room is 35x50 feet, and makes a fine ball-room. The guests frequently enjoy a dance, when their numbers are usually increased by young folks from Hot Springs. Cottages have been erected, and improvements and additions made to keep up with the increased patronage. Among these improvements we note the new bowling-alley, fine billiard-hall and bottling department. Mr. Woodcock has made 1,000 gallons of native wine for the exclusive use of his guest. Over 12,000 persons visited Potash-Sulphur last year, and the number is annually increasing; the four new sulphur springs opened furnish an ample supply of water. Telephone communication with Hot Springs and Little Rock, and two mails each way every day.



POTASH-SULPHUR SPRINGS—NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARK.



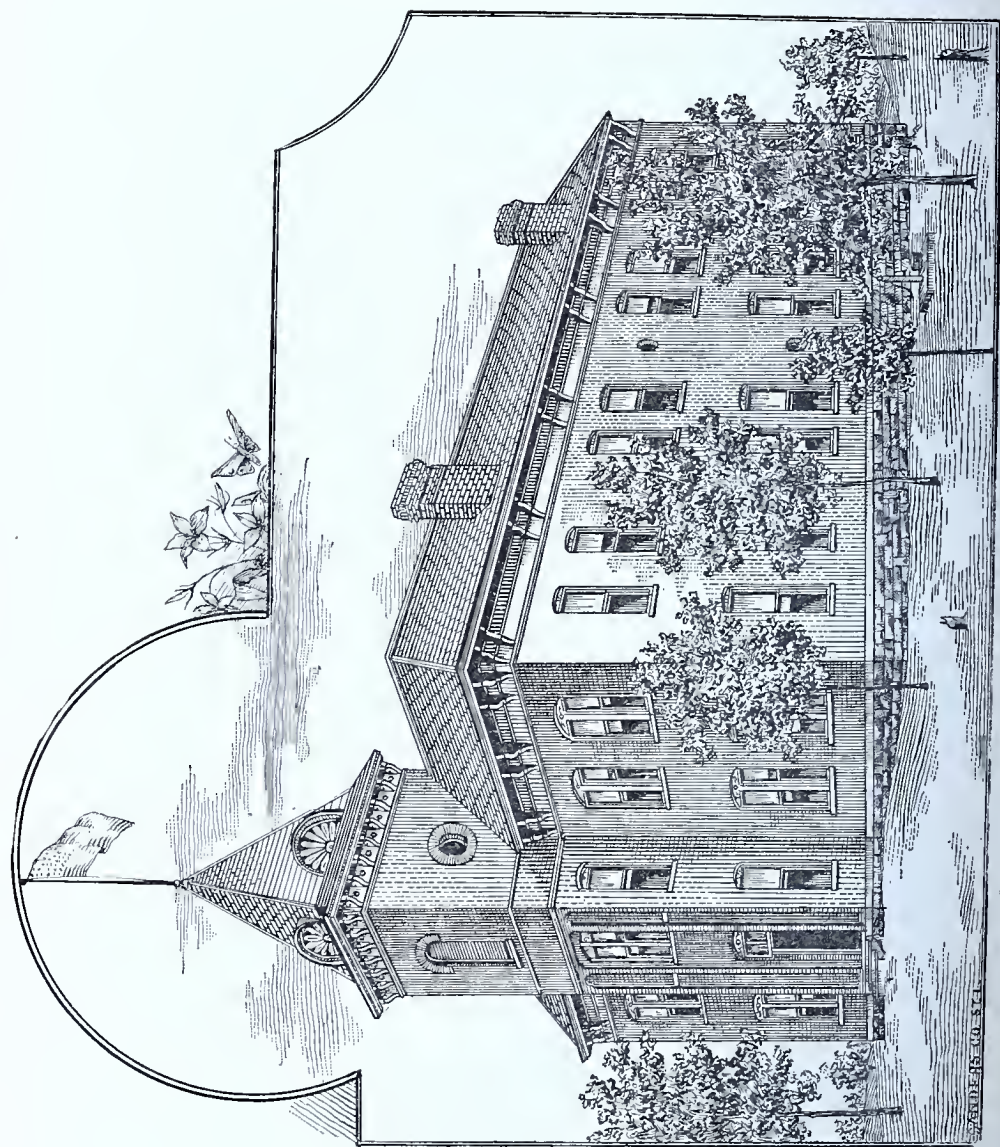
Prof. D. D. Owen visited these springs frequently, and, in his report, speaks of them very highly. The following is the analysis as made and published by him :

*Analysis.*—1. A small quantity of free sulphuretted hydrogen. 2. Sub. carb. of soda and potassium. 3. Chloride of sodium (salt). 4. Sulphuret of sodium or potash. 5. Sulphates of magnesia and soda. 6. Bi-carbonate of lime. 7. Bi-carbonate of magnesia.

The following diseases are cured or benefited by the use of the waters of this valuable spring, as claimed by Dr. J. T. Fairchild, the owner of the property: Dyspepsia, Gout, Rheumatism, Affections of the Liver, Kidneys and Urinary Organs, Female Diseases, Dropsy, and all complaints originating from an excess of acid in the system, Skin Diseases and Chronic Dysentery. In diseases of Kidneys and Urinary Passages, Stricture, Gleet, and especially in Calculus Affections, there is no known remedy so efficacious as this water. It acts as a solvent in the various forms of Gravel, and is exceedingly efficacious in the treatment of all mercurial diseases. For many of these diseases the Potash-Sulphur water is considered the best.

Many go so far as to express the belief that it is the best water in the world for urinary troubles, and we have frequently heard this expression made by parties who have been benefited by its use. Its effects are very soon manifested after drinking it, and happy cures are frequent.

Last fall Mr. Woodcock had a well-boring machine at work for some time and succeeded in finding a flow of potash-sulphur water which doubled his former supply. This enables him to supply the growing demand for shipping waters—orders for which are received by every mail, from various parts of the United States. The Potash-Sulphur-Water Depot, in Hot Springs, also sells large quantities, and orders can be left there for shipment, by visitors at Hot Springs—but all orders from abroad are to be sent direct to E. E. Woodcock. Arrangements for carbonizing the water, as bottled at the springs, have recently been made, and patrons can now order Potash-Sulphur water, carbonized or natural, without extra charge. Prices for the water, and the rules governing its shipment, have already been mentioned at the head of this subject matter. Considerable improvement has been made in the hotel and the grounds surrounding it and the springs since last season.



CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

## HOW TO GET TO HOT SPRINGS.

The "Iron Mountain Route" is the only line running to Hot Springs, and must be taken at some point to reach it by rail from any town in the United States. From the Northern, Western and Eastern States the direct route is via St. Louis. All lines leading into St. Louis connect in the Grand Union Depot with express trains of the Iron Mountain Route. From the South the direct route is via Cairo, Columbus, Memphis or Texarkana. Connections are made at each of these points with express trains of the Iron Mountain Route. Two trains daily. An invalid, if necessary, can remain in his couch until he reaches Hot Springs, changing cars at Malvern only.

## WHAT IT COSTS TO GET TO HOT SPRINGS.

The following are the limited through rates of fare from most of the important railroad points in the United States to Hot Springs;

Abilene, Tex .....	\$15 45	Brunswick, Ga .....	\$24 05	Elmira, N. Y. ....	\$34 40
Adrian, Mich .....	25 60	Buffalo, N. Y. ....	29 40	Erie, Pa. ....	29 40
Albany, N. Y. ....	33 90	Burlington, Ia .....	19 05	El Paso, Tex. ....	29 05
Albany, Ga. ....	22 40	Cairo, Ill. ....	10 15	Emporia, Kan. ....	15 40
Alexandria, Va. ....	30 15	Canton, Mo. ....	17 20	Evansville, Ind. ....	14 35
Alexandria, La. ....	12 15	Canton, Ohio. ....	25 15	Fall River, Mass. ....	38 15
Alliance, Ohio. ....	25 70	Champaign, Ill. ....	17 30	Fernandina, Fla. ....	32 10
Ann Arbor, Mich. ....	26 30	Charleston, S. C. ....	26 30	Fond du Lac, Wis. ....	25 45
Akron, Ohio. ....	25 60	Chattanooga, Tenn. ....	16 60	Fort Dodge, Ia. ....	25 10
Alton, Ill. ....	13 70	Chicago, Ill. ....	20 25	Fort Scott, Kan. ....	13 35
Altoona, Pa. ....	31 25	Clarksville, Tex. ....	6 00	Fort Worth, Tex. ....	10 60
Atchison, Kan. ....	16 80	Cleveland, Ohio. ....	25 95	Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	21 00
Athens, Ga. ....	22 85	Cincinnati, Ohio. ....	19 90	Franklin, Tenn. ....	15 00
Atlanta Ga. ....	19 80	Cisco, Tex. ....	14 05	Gainesville, Tex. ....	9 85
Angusta, Ga. ....	24 95	Colorado, Tex. ....	18 35	Galena, Ill. ....	22 46
Auburn, N. Y. ....	32 30	Columbia, S. C. ....	26 80	Galesburg, Ill. ....	18 45
Anstin, Minn. ....	26 60	Columbus, Ohio. ....	22 40	Galveston, Tex. ....	15 55
Austin, Tex. ....	15 00	Columbus, Miss. ....	13 25	Geneva, N. Y. ....	31 80
Aurora, Ill. ....	20 25	Corry, Pa. ....	30 50	Georgetown, Tex. ....	14 70
Baltimore, Md. ....	31 35	Council Bluffs, Ia. ....	21 30	Grafton, W. Va. ....	27 65
Battleboro, N. C. ....	32 10	Crockett, Tex. ....	10 70	Green Bay, Wis. ....	26 19
Battle Creek, Mich. ....	23 80	Dallas, Tex. ....	9 85	Greenville, Tex. ....	8 10
Beaufort, S. C. ....	28 85	Danville, Va. ....	28 75	Hannibal, Mo. ....	16 05
Bellefontaine, Ohio. ....	22 65	Davenport, Ia. ....	20 45	Harper's Ferry, Va. ....	29 90
Bell's Tex. ....	8 40	Dayton, Ohio. ....	20 65	Harrisburg, Pa. ....	31 25
Binghamton, N. Y. ....	33 15	Decatur, Ala. ....	13 20	Hartford, Conn. ....	35 40
Bloomington, Ill. ....	17 25	Decatur, Ill. ....	16 30	Hearne, Tex. ....	12 25
Bonham, Tex. ....	8 00	Denison, Tex. ....	8 80	Holly Springs, Miss. ....	9 15
Boston, Mass. ....	35 75	Denton, Tex. ....	10 40	Honey Grove, Tex. ....	7 50
Boonville, Mo. ....	18 20	Denver, Col. ....	30 55	Houston, Tex. ....	14 05
Brattleboro, Vt. ....	35 75	Des Moines, Ia. ....	22 45	Huntsville, Ala. ....	13 95
Brenham, Tex. ....	14 30	Detroit, Mich. ....	25 75	Huntsville, Tex. ....	12 30
Bridgeport, Conn. ....	36 15	Dubuque, Ia. ....	22 60	Indianapolis, Ind. ....	17 70
Bristol, Tenn. ....	23 60	Elgin, Ill. ....	21 35	Iowa City, Ia. ....	22 37



Jackson, Mich.....	\$24 00	Mineola, Tex.....	\$ 8 45	Round Rock, Tex..	\$14 45
Jackson, Miss.....	10 65	Minneapolis, Minn.	23 60	Sacramento, Cal...	68 95
Jackson, Tenn.....	10 15	Mobile, Ala.....	17 55	San Antonio, Tex..	17 40
Jacksonville, Fla...	24 70	Montgomery, Ala...	16 70	Sandusky, Ohio....	24 60
Jacksonville, Ill....	15 70	Montreal, Canada..	33 25	San Francisco, Cal.	68 45
Jefferson City, Mo..	16 50	Nashville, Tenn ...	14 30	San Marcos, Tex...	15 90
Jefferson, Tex.....	5 90	New Braunfels, Tex.	16 40	Saratoga, N. Y.....	35 40
Jeffersonville, Ind..	17 70	New Haven, Conn...	36 50	Savannah, Ga.....	24 50
Joliet, Ill.....	19 15	New Orleans, La...	16 25	Sedalia, Mo.....	18 40
Junction City, Kan.	17 25	New York.....	35 40	Selma, Ala.....	16 65
Kalamazoo, Mich...	22 25	Niagara Falls.....	29 40	Shreveport, La....	6 85
Kankakee, Ill.....	19 00	Ogden, Utah.....	55 40	Sherman, Tex.....	8 80
Kansas City, Mo....	15 40	Oil City, Pa.....	23 15	Sioux City, Ia.....	24 25
Kenosha, Wis.....	21 79	Omaha, Neb.....	21 25	Springfield, Ill....	15 82
Keokuk, Ia.....	17 75	Oswego, N. Y.....	33 75	Springfield, Mass...	35 40
Kingston, Ga.....	18 55	Oshkosh, Wis.....	25 95	Steubenville, Ohio..	26 90
Knoxville, Tenn....	19 70	Ottumwa, Ia.....	20 05	St. Louis, Mo.....	12 75
LaCrosse Wis.....	26 40	Overton, Tex.....	7 80	St. Paul, Minn.....	23 60
Lafayette, Ind.....	17 70	Oxford, Miss.....	9 60	St. Joseph, Mo.....	17 45
Lancaster, Pa.....	32 43	Paducah, Ky.....	11 50	Syracuse, N. Y.....	32 40
Lansing, Mich.....	23 30	Palestine, Tex.....	9 55	Tallahassee, Fla...	27 50
Laredo, Tex.....	22 00	Pana, Ill.....	15 35	Taylor, Tex.....	13 90
Leavenworth, Kan.	16 15	Paris, Tex.....	6 90	Toledo, Ohio.....	23 80
Lexington, Ky.....	18 75	Parkersburg, W.Va.	24 90	Terrell, Tex.....	9 85
Lexington, Va.....	30 15	Peoria, Ill.....	17 95	Terre Haute, Ind....	16 65
Logansport, Ind....	18 80	Philadelphia, Pa...	33 90	Texarkana, Ark....	4 15
London, Canada....	29 75	Pilot Point, Tex...	9 90	Topeka, Kan.....	15 75
Longview, Tex.....	7 10	Pittsburg, Pa.....	23 40	Toronto, Canada...	33 10
Louisville, Ky.....	17 95	Pittsfield, Mass...	41 35	Toyah, Tex.....	24 10
Lynchburg, Va.....	28 75	Portland, Me.....	36 15	Troy, N. Y.....	34 40
Macon, Ga.....	22 00	Providence, R. I....	37 65	Union City, Tenn...	7 10
Madison, Wis.....	23 90	Quebec, Canada....	41 25	Urbana, Ohio.....	24 45
Mansfield, Ohio....	23 40	Quincy, Ill.....	16 80	Utica N. Y.....	33 40
Marietta, Ohio.....	25 05	Racine, Wis.....	22 10	Vicksburg, Miss....	9 40
Marshall, Tex.....	6 40	Raleigh, S. C.....	30 15	Vincennes, Ind.....	14 65
Maryville, Kan.....	20 20	Richmond, Ind.....	20 45	Waco, Tex.....	11 90
Mattoon, Ill.....	15 95	Richmond, Va.....	29 75	Washington, D. C...	30 15
Meadville, Pa.....	23 15	Rochester, N. Y....	30 80	Weatherford, Tex...	11 55
Memphis, Tenn.....	7 30	Rockdale, Tex.....	13 15	Wheeling, W. Va...	26 80
Meridian, Miss.....	13 50	Rock Island, Ill ...	21 11	Whitesboro, Tex...	9 35
Mexico, Mo.....	15 95	Rome, Ga.....	13 40	Wilmington, Del...	33 65
Milano June, Tex...	12 85	Rome, N. Y.....	33 10	Wilmington, N. C...	29 75
Milwaukee, Wis...	22 80				

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Round trip tickets are also sold at the following rates, good for 90 days from date of sale:

Saint Louis, Mo., to Hot Springs, Ark., and return.....	\$22 20
Memphis, Tenn., " " " " .....	13 35
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